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BA joins cut-price dogfight

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

British Airways signalled the start of a dog-fight for the wallets of the Europe's hulidaymakers with the announcement that it was to examine the possibility of start-ing a low-cost, no-frills airline.

The oation's flag-carrier has been hit by a flock of low-cost airlines which have established themselves beside the traditional operators. BA has appointed a con-sultancy - Howell Henry Caldecott and Lewry - to investigate the challenge posed by carriers such as Ryanair, and Richard Branson's Virgin Express.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, has

made it clear he views the newly dereg-ulated skies over the Continent as a threat to BA's profits. It has been so rattled by its brasher, smaller rivals that it considered buying one of the most successful low-cost carriers, Luton-based Easylet.

Stelios Haji-Inannou, EasyJet's founder, refused to comment on a possible deal with BA but said: "They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. The problem for BA is that it might cheapen the brand. After all management spent £60m on a fancy re-design to convince the world it is a global, quality airline."

The reason for the success of the new entrants is not difficult to divine. Easy-Jet's Luton-to-Scotland single costs £29; BA will offer travellers an economy fare for up to four times that. No-frill operators can offer cheap seats as all tend to sell tickets directly to travellers, avoiding the commission usually paid to agents. and flying only to smaller, uncoogested airports, where planes do oot have to queue to land and office rent is cheap.

EasyJet has grown so quickly it is planning to "buy" Luton airport. Ryanair's flights hetween Dublin and Stansted, near London, airport have raised the number of passengers flying between the two

capitals from 994,000 in 1985 to 3.4 million last year. Virgin Express, which was launched last year and operates out of Brussels, increased passenger numbers by

35 per cent to 1.8 million in 1996.

Experts said BA's move was logical move. "A number of larger carriers, for example Lufthansa... have started their own low-cost carriers. BA have just responded to the demand for cheap flights," said Jacquelinc Gallacher, deputy editor of Airline Business magazine.

In the past, the world's favourite airline gave upstarts no quarter. Sir Freddie Laker, the low-fare piooeer, started his Skytrain services to the US in the 1970s but it collapsed after cut-throat competition from the big carriers. Years later he won a £6m settlement from BA and other airlines after his claims that big carri-ers caused the failure of his service in 1982.

When Mr Branson started Virgin Atlantic, it was targeted in a "dirty-tricks" campaign by BA. The affair ended with it paying Mr Branson libel damages in an out-of-court settlement. The new services have been made possible by the European Commission's 10-year crusade to liberalise the skies over the Continent. The Commission took its cue from the US, which began deregulating its market in 1978 and resulted in lower fares as well as an explosion in air travel.

Until April this year, when the final act came into force, no EU airline could even start domestic services in another member-country. The older, established state carriers have been slow to change. The reason lay in the cosy club operated by

As Clifford Paice, head of regulation at the Civil Aviation Authority, said last year: "What we had was a wide-ranging cartel of airlines - a cartel which was not simply encouraged by governments but actually enforced by them ... it nught to be said that few airlines were com-



Buoyant mood: Children making the most of their freedom yesterday at Parliament Hill Lido in north London, with the long summer holiday stretching for Photograph: Edward Webb used a Carion Sureshot A1 underwater camera with Fuji 200 film

Police fly to interview runaway boy, 14

British detectives hope to speak tooff to America with his best friend's mother.

Nottinghamshire police flew to Florida yesterday after Sean Kinsella and Tracey Whalin, a mother-of-three, were discovered in Florida Keys. Mrs Whalin, 33, from Bilborough, Nottingham, ap-

Detectives want to speak to Sean before meeting with US prosecutors on Monday to discuss the case. It is thought they will press for Mrs Whalin to be tried in Britain, although the American authorities are expected to resist such a move. Monroe County assistant state

peared in court on Thursday in handcuffs charged with a offences including carrying out a lewdor in
local courts before any extradition interviewed over here, it is impossible to say exactly what charges she may or may not face."

A Nottinghamshire police spokesman said: "Our officers will speak with local police and prosecutors. If they agree to return Mrs Whalin to this country she will be interviewed and one of the charges she may face is abduction.

Sean 12 days ago and fears were raised when a passport was issued in his name the same day. They flew to America and were staying in a £100-a-night beachside apartment when they were discovered by US police. She now faces up to 20 years "Obviously, until she has been in jail under American law - 15

years if found guilty of an assault and a further five if convicted of taking a child without the parents' ion. However, if deemed to have gone away willingly, lawyers suggested that Whalin's alleged offences might be

regarded less seriously. A Foreign Office spokesman said consular officials in Florida had requested access to Mrs Whalin. Leading article, page 15

A TOUGHT Priest jailed The paedophile priest whose ase brought down the Irish

covernment was jailed for 12 ears for abusing children over 1 36-year period. More flood misery

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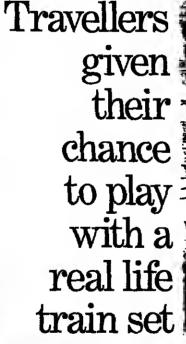
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Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

Commuters are being offered the chance to take the strain by a privatised train operator. Travellers on Great Eastern Rail-

ways, which runs services between Londoo and Suffolk and Essex, can swap briefcase and umbrella for a whistle and a flag and act as official guards on rush-hour trains.

Condemned as a "safety nightmare" before it has even begun, new amateur guards would be given 10 days' training and then he responsible for the safety of hundreds of

passengers on every trip.
"Commuter guards" would work
mainly on the older-style "slamdoor trains, jumping off their train at every station stop to check the doors and signal the driver to depart. They would not check tickets but they would be called on to "assist customers". Those chosen under the scheme - which runs "successfully"

in Hong Kong - would be given free travel and paid the part-time rate of £5.25 an hour. They would have to make loudspeaker announcements at stations. The oew recruits would swap their suits for a smart blue uniform and peaked cap - replete with company logo, and would oeed "normal colour vision and good

"This is the most bizarre proposal I have come across in 40 years in the industry'

health". The unions reacted with predictable fury. Lew Adams, gen-eral secretary of the driver's union, Asief, said: "Are there no lengths that the new private train operators are not prepared to go to to cut costs and

maximise their muoey-grabbing

Jimmy Knapp, the general sec-retary of the RMT - which represents full-time guards on Great Eastern, said: "This heralds the beginning of the do-it-yourself railway and is the most bizarre proposal I have come across in 40 years in the industry."
The RMT said that the proposal

was contained in the fine print of a deal that was worked out by staff and management some weeks ago - but was only presented to the national executive two days ago. The passenger watchdog body, the

Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, said it was worried, because "the safety of thousands of passengers would be in the hands of part-timers". A committee spokesman said: "We regard the experiment with great caution. These new staff will need thorough training and the staff side of the railway can be a dangerous place for the

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The end of the kibbutz dream, page 3

4 killed as minibus collides with lorry

Steve Boggan

Four people were killed and 10 injured yesterday when a mini-bus carrying mentally handi-capped adults collided with a lorry that had crashed into a railway bridge. Another two people died in a separate accident involving two lor-

ries and a car on the M62.

The mini-bus crashed at lunchtime on the A616 at Creswell, near Clowne, in Derbyshire. Police said the vehicle, which was carrying 14 care work-ers and adults with learning difficulties, ploughed into the back of the lorry, which had become wedged under the hridge. It was not known last night whether the lorry had collided with a bridge support or whether the bridge was too low for the vehicle.

The injured were taken to two hospitals, the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal and the Bassetlaw District Geoeral. Four were described as "serious hut stable" without life-threatening injuries; the rest suffered minor injuries. The dri-

ver of the lorry escaped unburt.

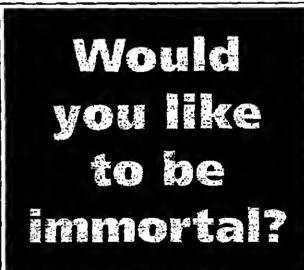
David Allen, chairman of Derbyshire Social Services committee, said three of the dead were staff members and one was a service user. "We have been deeply shocked," he said. "So-

cial workers are contacting the relatives of all those involved to offer counselling and support." He said all the people on board were wearing seat-

The second fatal accident happened on the trans-Pennine motorway at Milnrow, near Rochdale, when two articulated locries and a car collided on the west-bound carriageway.

The motorway was closed while fire-crews battled for two hours to cut one of the victims from the wreckage, but he was pronounced dead at the

According to police, one of the lorries overturned and crashed into the central reservation, crushing the car. Two people were taken for treatment in Rochdale but were not thought to be setiously injured.



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Woman arrested over river deaths of eight-year-olds

A woman who was looking after two eight-year-old girls when they drowned during a riverbank birthday barbecue has been arrested in connection with the investigation into their deaths, it emerged

yesterday.

Detectives arrested the 40-year-old woman three days after
Charles Fox and her best friend Jasmine Neville died in the River Wharfe in Otley, West Yorkshire. Yesterday police stressed that the deaths of the children, who got into difficulties as they paddled in the water, were not suspicious. It is understood that the woman, who was arrested on Thursday and taken to Weetwood police station in Leeds, was questioned over allegations of neglect. She was later released on police bail.

The two girls, from Burley, Leeds, weot to the beauty spot last Monday with six others, including Charlen's parents, the woman who was arrested and her nine-year-old son, to celebrate Charlea's birthday. During the evening the woman, who had been left in charge of the children, raised the alarm when she realised they had disappeared. An inquest into the deaths will open in Leeds this

Schoolgiri beaten in changing room

A 14-year-old pupil was beaten and stamped on by two schoolgirls after winning three races in a sports day, it emerged yesterday.

On returning to the changing rooms at the Bowling Community College sports day in Bradford, Nicola Bowden found her clothes had been dumped in the toilet. She was then attacked by the girls. A 14-year-old girl held her down while her 11-year-old sister, who

does not go to the school, kicked and stamped on her.

After the beating, Nicola was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary with a fractured rib, internal hleeding and torn tissues in her lungs.

She was detained at the hospital for five days and is now back at

home she is still coughing up blood.

Nicola, who had won the relay, 400 metre and 200 metre races, is oow terrified of returning to the school. She said: "We drove past the school oo the way back from the hospital and my heart went cold. I can't go back there." Her father Vince, 37, said: "This is not bullying, this is GBH."

Hindley painting prompts outcry



The mother of one of the Moors murder victims vesterday said she was seeking legal advice about the

possibility of taking action to stop a "disgusting" portrait of Myra Hindley going on show. Winnie Johnson, mother of Keith Bennett, said she found it hard to believe that the Royal Academy was putting the huge picture - made up of thousands of handprints of a child - on public exhibition. Her view was supported by the Phil Woolas,

Labour MP for the area around Saddleworth Moor where the children murdered by Hindley and Keith Brady in the Sixties were buried. He said he intended to write to the Royal Academy asking for the 11ft by 9ft portrait by artist Marcus Harvey to be withdrawn from the Sensation exhibition, which opens oo 18 September in

Champagne con loses fizz

A company that tried to con gullible investors into thinking there was mooey to be made out of expensive Champagne has been closed by the courts at the request of the Department of Trade and Industry, it announced yesterday.

Forrester & Lamego, based in London, was taken to court by the DTI in February accused of selling low-grade Champagne and port at inflated prices. It said the claims made by the company, which has also been declared insolvent, had now been proved to be "exaggerated and misleading".

The High Court heard the company had exploited fears of a premillennial Champagne drought to sell its products, and cheated thousands of customers in the process.

It also claimed to be a "vintner of distinctioo", whereas it was set up last year, and employed eight unskilled telesales staff.

Consumer Affairs minister Nigel Griffiths said it was "imperative" that companies trying to coo the public knew that the DTI would be in hot pursuit. And ho warned "fledgling investors"

not to be fooled by get-rich-quick schemes.

Those that have come to light recently inclode bogus ostrich farms and illegal lotteries similar to the pyramid selling schemes that brought Albania to the brink of collapse earlier this year.

Hit-and-run driver jailed

A hit-and-run driver who left a young woman trapped in the wreckage of her car was jailed for seven years yesterday for causing

death by dangerous driving. Barry McGowan, who is usemployed, admitted causing the death of management trainee Juliet Wood near Bournemouth airport, Dorset in December last year. He also admitted driving while disqualified. Miss Wood, 20, died several days later at Southampton General Hospital from head injuries suffered in the head-on collisioo. Bournemouth Crown Court heard that McGowan, 37, of West Moors, Dorset, had been banned from

driving for three years in October 1995. On 9 December he borrowed his girlfrieod's car and ploughed into Miss Woods' vehicle as he tried to overtake on a left-hand beod. He fled the scene and phoned his girlfrieod, telling her to report that her car had been stolen. He was eventually charged after DNA tests on a blood sample he gave matched blood found

on the driver's seatbelt buckle. In his defence, the court heard that McGowan deeply regretted his actions and had suffered recurring nightmares since the accident. Jailing him and hanning him from driving for 15 years, Judge Patrick Hooton said: "You took the life of a young girl and I

GP euthanasia inquiry on hold

A health authority inquiry into the conduct of a GP who admitted helping patients to die was yesterday put on hold pending a police

Dr Dave Moor has already been questioned by officials at Newcastle and North Tyneside Health Authority and was invited to make a voluntary statement to Northumbria Police. Yesterday the man heading the health authority inquiry said a

decision had been taken to await the outcome of the police

Dr Ian Spencer, head of primary care development, said he could not discuss what stage the inquiry had reached, saying "it would not be appropriate to make any comment at the present time". He added that Dr Moor would be interviewed again and the inquiry was not over.

The Newcastle GP was invited to make a police statement after he admitted helping up to 150 patients to die during his 30-year career, including two in the past week. He was consulting the Medical Defence Unioo before deciding whother to agree to

people



Apartheid drama brings Caine in from the cold

I the Cains, the veteran actor best-known as standing guest actor in a drama series for his role in the dour secret agent Harry Palmer in film adepart English cast in film adepart English cast in the nominations for the annual Entirely sweets for television in the US.

Standing guest actor in a drama series for his role in ER special, where he started as Duncan Stewart, a Scot invited in a tense armed robbery.

And Define Disma Rigg, the formar Avenger, was in a Calcal annual Entirely sweets for television in the US. Caine's performance (and accent) as the former South African president and dismantier of apertiald. FW De Klerk, in Mandale and De Klerk, won favour with the judges for the category of best lead actor in a mini-

series or special. Meanwhile, Prime Suspect, the ITV detective mini-cethes starting Helen Mirren, has been nominated for its third Emmy, as the British success at the Oscars looked

Although hospital drawns ER, The Larry Sanders Show and the X-Files received the most nominations, British success continued across the board, following the haul of nine Oscars picked up by The English Patient at this way's Decare. year's Oscars

mini-series or special, for her role as Mrs Danvers in Castion TV's flattecca, starting alongside Charles Dance and Amelia Fox, which, ironically, got a poor reception when it was broadcast in Britain.
The US also condinued its love affair with British

comedianne Tracey Uliman, who has won live Emmy awards in the past and was this year neminated for third Emissy, as the British success at the Oscars looked set to be continued in the small-screen equivalents.

And Mitren, who won the award for best actress in a little category of outstanding lead actress in a mini-series or special.

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lan La Freneis, were nominated for outstanding wall ing for a variety or music programme.

There were further nominations for Mandiler TV's adiaptation of Jane Austen's Emma, stantity Kate Beck.

risale, and Carkon TV's Willows in Winner.
The wirevers will be announced in September

Family toasts first baby girl in 130 years

The parents of newborn baby Re-becca Clint were celebrating an extra-special delivery yesterday, after she became the first girl to be born into the family in over 130

Mechanic Colin Clint and his wife Rachel, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, ended the family tradition when Rebecca was born two weeks prematurely, weighing 8lbs 6oz. The last 10 births in the Clint family, spread over five generations, have all been boys. Ladbrokes have estimated the odds of ten males being born to one family as 1,024-1.

Rachel Clint, 24, who has a sixvear-old daughter from a previous relationship, always suspected that the baby would be a girl. When I first got pregnant, everyone in Colin's family was saying it was going to be a boy because it couldn't be anything else. We came up with the name Craig in case she was a boy. But it just

didn't sound right.
"Every time the baby kicked me,
Colin would say 'That's my boy'

the job of squadron leader.

in four age categories.

An eight-year-old boy with reading difficulties has

won a letter-writing contest - with an application for

Lloyd Morrison from Northfield in Bristol scooped

the prize for his age category in the 23rd Royal Mail Young Letter Writer of the Year contest, announced

between four and 16 whn rose to the challenge of composing an application for their dream job, judged in four accompany

Winners were presented with their cash prizes -£400 for the individuals and £600 for the schools - by

Lloyd, who was only seven when he wrote the let-

ter, explained his love for aeroplanes had grown from

Royal Mail's managing director Richard Dykes, and England rugby player Jeremy Guscott, in London.

yesterday, with his request to be an RAF pilot. He was one of a record 500,000 youngsters aged



even though I kept saying she was

A scan at 20 weeks showed that the baby would be a girt. But Col-in, also 24, remained unconvinced. "Scans are never 100 per cent, and I still didn't believe it."

The last girl to be born in the family was Fariny Clint, born in Liverpool in the 1860s. Baby Rebecca's grandmother, June Clint, 53, puts the lack of girls in the family partly down to the fact that her husband's grandfather and great-grandfather only had one son each, in a time when large families were commonplace. Anita Singh

High-flying award for young letter-writer

Daughters pay tribute to Hanna

The funeral of veteran broadcaster Vincent Hanna took place quietly In a private ceremony attended

by family and close friends, tributes were paid to the man bestby-elections, his late-night Radio 5 Live chat shows and as the presenter of Channel 4's A Week in Politics. His daughters, Emily and Sinead, contributed to the service

with oral tributes and the singing of a requiem. Mr Hanna, 57, died on Tuesday in a Belfast hospital after suffering a heart attack.

His father-in-law, the former Uister politician Lord Fitt, was in a stable and comfortable condition In the same hospital yesterday. He too had suffered a heart attack when visiting his son-in-law.

Hundreds of fellow journalistsand other friends from the media: world attended a memorial mass in Belfast on Thursday. Mr Hanna was later buried in a

araveyard overlooking the Kent countryside in Godmersham, near Canterbury, where his mother-in-

briefing

Tough measures reduce BSE level by two-thirds

The incidence of "mad cow" disease, or BSE, has declined by more than two-thirds in the past two years, according to new Government figures published yesterday.

The Ministry of Agriculture reported that the number of confirmed cases of bovine spongiform encepsionathy in 30 June this year is 1,716. That compares with 8,010 for the whole of 1995, and 14,299 for 1995.

The junior agriculture minister, Lord Donoughue, said the latest figure was 56 per cent less than at the same stage in 1996, and 70 per cent less than at the same time in 1995. He added: "A continued improvement is expected for the future." Scientific estimates are that BSE will have virtually disappeared in Britain by

The fall is due to improved practices in the production of ment and bone meal, which now excludes various cattle offals, and the culting of all cattle over 30-months-old. BSE infected roughly 1 million British cattle since the first case was identified in 1985, and is reckoned to have so far caused 19 cases of the fatal "new variant" of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) in Britons.

Lord Donoughue also confirmed the Government's intention to introduce a computerised cattle traceability system "as suon as we can. Work is now understant including discussions on the table of can. Work is now underway, including discussions on detniled points of implementation with the livestock industry."

Charles Arthur

WORK

Pay panel membership announced



Membership of the Government's Low Pay Commission was announced last night, and promptly drew criticism from John Redwood, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, for its lack of

emphasis on small business.
The commission, set up to advise the Government on a reasonable level for the promised minimum wage — with union pressure for at least £4 an hour — is to be chaired by Professor George Bain, principal of the London Business School.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said in a

Commons reply that it would also include two other academics, three representatives from business and three representatives from the unions.

But Mr Redwood protested that the only representative of small

business was Lawrence Dewar, chief executive of the Scottish Grocer's Federation. The Labour manifesto said that membership would "include representatives of employers, including small business, and employees. However, Mr Redwood said: "This is yet another broken promise

"There are around 3.5 million small and medium-sized businesses in the UK, employing more than 12 million people. Yet, on the Low Pay Commission, their only voice is the Scottish Grocurs' Federation, a lobby group representing one part of the

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HEALTH

UK, with only 500 members."

300 new breast cancer projects

More than 300 new projects to provide speedier diagnosis and better treatment for women with suspected breast cancer have been announced by the the Government.

Baroness Jay, the health ministor, published details of the projects which will be funded from savings in NHS bureaucracy. The Government announced in May that £10m of the planned £100m savings would be devoted to improved care of breast

The projects will include ooe-stop clinics, so that women with suspected cancer can be tested and get their results on the same day. Extra specialist ourses and surgeons will be employed and waiting lists reduced,

Baroness Jay said: "This extra money will ensure that womeo have access to state of the art treatment for breast cancer wherever

they might live."

The Cancer Research Campaign said: "We believe the treatment women get is a lottery depending on where they live. They deserve better and this should change that."

Jeremy Laurance

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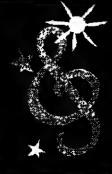
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End of the kibbutz dream

one camp remains from a total of 250

by Patrick Cockburn

Baram, northern Israel — "We changed because we were the last one left," says Yacob Zohar, 67, as he laments the abandonment last month by his kibhutz at Baram after 50 years of one of the more radical social experiments of the

twentieth century. He adds: "We did not fail. It was a wonderful way of educating chil-

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Since 1949 the children of the kibbutz, the Israeli communal village, at Baram in northern Galilee have been reared together in special chil-dren's houses and not by their par-

Tsvi Benayonn, the kibbutz's economic manager, says: "Children lived together and performed all activities together from the age of eight

months until they entered the army.
"It was a long, sustained – and by no means unsuccessful - attempt to bypass the nuclear family as the cen-tre of a child's life. Instead, children were expected to give their first loyalty, not to their parents, brothers and sisters, but to each other and to the members of the kibbutz as a

After prolonged and angry debate, Baram, a prosperous community of . 566 adults and children just south of the border with Lebanon, last month became the last kibbutz out of some 250 in Israel - many of whom once brought up their children together - to abandon the system. For the first time this month the children sleep at home and the neat four-bed. rooms in the children's houses are founders of Baram 48 years ago, op-

the decision, seeing it as a final surdren to sleep at home, he says: "Kids
render of the original ideal of the
are not pets. You have to imagine kibbutz, whereby property, work and living arrangements - including the rearing of children - were all or-



Social experiment - The end of communal care of children in kibbutzim is a blow for idealists

factor in the kibbutz will be the fam-

Mr Benayoun said the main reason for returning children to their parents was "pressure from the mothers. The children themselves said they wanted to be in the children's house". Mr Zohar, one of the empty at night.

Many kibbutzniks argued against many parents wanted their chilposed the decision. Admitting that what is best for the kids, not what

and living arrangements - including is best for the parents.

The prestige of the kibbutz movement has fallen a long way since its height in Israel and abroad in the the change, says: "In future, the main 1950s and 1960s. Started in 1909 by

socialist Zionists it was once seen as he could have they told him. "As producing the prototype Israeli - much as you can see." part pioneer farmer, part soldier who lived in an egalitarian commu-nity and was ready for any sacrifice

in pursuit of the common good. It was a Utopian vision with deep roots in the European intelligentsia which inspired generations of foreign teenagers to labour in kibbutz apple orchards for minimal return. The reality was always different. Many of the kibbutzim were built on

land Palestinian farmers had worked before. In 1949 Mr Zohar says he was brought to northern Galilee "although I had never seen a cow be-fore." When he asked Israeli

But there had been a Palestinian Baram, now a field full of ruins, with only its Maronite church surviving. Abu Yusuf, 85, recalls bow as a young teacher he saw "the Israeli army come here and put a white flag on the church. Then they gave us 48 hours to leave the village for two weeks. We slept under the trees." The Palestinians were never allowed to return. In 1953 they watched from a neighbouring hill-top as Israeli planes bombed their houses into rubble.

The problem for the kibbutz is that the system does not really work butznik born at Baram. "We have government officials how much land without the idealistic glue. Baram is lost our strength."

Photograph: Richard Nowitz/Colorific! more successful than many other kib-

butzim - half its activities are agricultural, but it also owns a successful plastics factory - in part because it has not tried so hard to adapt to the world outside. Other kibbutzim have introduced differential wages. At Baram everybody receives equal recompense. Nevertheless, the decision at

Baram to end communal care of children marks a critical moment. It shows the kibbutzniks no longer believe their way of life and ideals should be a model for others. "We have to follow the changes in the outside world," said one kib-

It worked, but there's simply less idealism around now?

From the time Ofra Yechieli was a baby until she was 18 years old, she lived in the children's house at Baram kibbutz and not in her parents' home.

"It worked for me," says Ms Yechieli, a university graduate. "I made friends who are closer to me than brothers and sisters. At the same time my relationship with my real sisters is not the same as it would have been if I had been

brought up by my family."

Ms Yechieli, now aged 31, is still n
member of the kibbatz, along with 10
out of the group of 16 children with whom she grew up. She is sad at the decision to end communal child-rearing at Baram, but considers it inevitable.

"The kibbutz has changed. There is less idealism in society. Television brought the world into the kibbutz. People wanted the experience of being parents - they felt they were missing something. If the parents do not support the idea then their children will worry."

Her own parents supported the com-munal rearing of the children. Most of the children liked it. Ms Yechieli points out that when Baram decided to end the system, the nider children, who do not vote in the kibbutz assembly, "wanted to stay with the communal houses".

She says the way she was brought up gave children a sense of shared responsibility and control over their own lives. There were disadvantages, however.

Children with special needs might not get enough attention and feel "discarded, neglected by their parents". In later life, they sometimes showed "less" warmth, less showing of affection".

The decision to return the rearing of children to the nuclear family was unavoidable, Ms Yechieli believes. Baram was the last kibbutz in Israel to drop the old system. "People don't like to be different from others. Who were we to say the rest of the world was wrong ?" At the same time, Ms Yechieli has no doubt about the consequences. The theory behind the kibbutz was the primacy of the group over indi-vidual interests. "Now the group will lose its place and the family in the home will gain primacy," she says. The day of the kibbutz may be over. IN TOMORROW'S **INDEPENDENT**



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You'll be working in bananas, said the cross-looking blonde woman in scarlet hotpants

Marcus Tanner recalls tense moments during his stay on a kibbutz

You'll be working in bananas", they told me when I got off the bus at the kibbutz in northern Galilee. A cross-looking blonde Canadian woman in scarlet hotpants escorted me to my but in the foreigner's end of camp. "You don't look Jewish," I ventured. "I'm a convert — I married one," she snapped. "Don't try going out of the kibbutz at night — there are terrorists out there".

I had arrived with a batch of German riris and a clutch of English nurses. The Germans talked of atoning for Nazi crimes. What did I want? Freedom, certainly – my first hnliday on my own after leaving my stuffy school.

The German girls, who all seemed to be called Ulli, kept to themselves. They

lowered their gazes and whispered when

the kibbutz boys came past our row of

foreigners' huts" in the evenings, stripped to the waist, lolling over the handlebars of their bikes, beer bottles The British girls - pallid and drawn on arrival, bronzed and vibrant after ply a few weeks - had a different agen-. Within two weeks, one of the nurses had got hitched to a real kibbutznik - a Jew from Manchester. We had spotted

her sneaking into his but at night. Her best friend, Lee, was livid. "Rotten cow," she told me, unable to hide her hopeless I spent a lot of time with Lee, partly te avoid a hig female soldier called Miciam who used to creep up behind me after our dinner in the communal dining ball and try and entice me back to her



hnt, which she shared with another big army girl, called Effi.

I felt sorry for Lee, who I knew was absolutely mortified by the triumphant smirk of her former friend. One of the few unmarried kibbutzniks soon spotted Lee had missed out; he offered to take ; us down a wadi to look for terrapins, and then virtually told me to disappear I could see him groping Lee's backside as he "helped" her over the boulders while I stumbled along furiously behind

are part of the tradition of kibbutzes affiliated to the Israeli Labor party, and provide useful, cheap labour

The kibbutzniks looked on us with some suspicion. Foreign volunteers were part of the tradition of kibbutzes affiliated to the Israeli Labor party, as ours was; we reinforced that rather vague, but self-conscious spirit of internation-alism they had inherited from those turn-of-the-century Socialist Zionist pioneers, whom the crabby Canadian woman sometimes lectured us about. "They weren't allowed to have anything private - not even a kettie," she once said proudly. (The other kibbutznik women ignored her. Her childlessness embarrassed them, it seemed). We were useful cheap labour, too, in the fish ponds, or hacking away at the under-growth in the banana fields that sloped down to the sea of Galilee and the Jordanian border. But some of them also thought the

vomen volunteers were disruptive – just interested in having sex under the banama trees. I got sick of Lee going on about her friend's betrayal. She ditched the kibbutznik who took her down the wadi and after failing to get off with the American Jewish doctor – who publicly snubbed her in the communal dining

room - she felt she just had to leave. And when we all started talking in the evenings about the deserted Arab village that lay only n mile away - and started asking why it was deserted, some of the kibbutzniks got riled and called us 'Arab-lovers'. At the end of September, the wind started whistling round the doors of our hats. The bananas were harvested. It was time to go.

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every soul concerned." Unfortunately, the voters of waited.

Bufford in Wiltshire, took him "I could integally this week and steered clear of the battlefield alto-gether - not a single one of Milton, the returning officer. them turned out to vote in the

village's parish council by-elec-

Officials set up a polling opened it at 8am on Thursday and sat down to wait for the first voter. And they waited. And

"I couldn't believe it - when I opened the ballot box it was

caretaker came in and the candidate Godfrey Burt. Even him to use his vote - but he

said he couldn't be bothered. "Tve heard of some pretty poor turnouts before, but it's the first time I've heard of no one

voting at all." Fortunately for the candidates, the parish had two polling stations and the second booth attracted a small number of vot-"At one point, the school ers, returning the independent

presiding officer encouraged so, the turnout was just 5.8 per "The area where nobody vot-

ed is covered mostly by the Bulford army training camp, so perhaps they are not so concerned with local issues," said Mr Milton by way of explanation for the democratic apathy. Or perhaps they were all busy training for the real





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The priest who brought down a government

Twelve years for paedophile in Irish scandal

Alan Murdoch

The paedophile priest whose case brought down the Irish government was yesterday jailed for 12 years after a Duhlin court heard harrowing details of his victims' suffering over a 36-year period.

Brendan Smyth, 70, a member of the Norbertine order, pleaded guilty to 74 charges of ahusing 20 children, some as young as six, in an abbey, a boathouse and a Duhlin hotel, between 1959 and 1993.

In 1994 the Irish coalition government, led by Albert Reynolds, col-lapsed amid uproar over the revelation that the Attorney General's office had failed to act on extradition applications for Smyth's return to face charges in Northern

Church authorities also came under strong criticism for moving Smyth to new parishes when ahuse complaints emerged. In July 1994 the priest was jailed for four years in Belfast for eight child sex-abuse offences. The following year he received an additional two-year term on eight further charges. On his re-lease in Northern Ireland in March extradited to the Irish Republic.

The latest sentence followed a two-day hearing in Dublin's Circuit Criminal Court in which Judge Cyril Kelly heard details of the suffering of 20 of Smyth's female and male victims. One woman described how, as a child, she woke up on one occasion feeling a sharp pain, to find ilies he had become close to and who



Facing judgment: Brendan Smyth being led into a court in Dublin this week; he was yesterday sentenced to 12 years in prison

Photograph: Steve Humphreys/Irish Independent

Smyth's finger in her vagina, Smyth's assaults drove her to attempt suicide, three months after giving birth, and her marriage ended six months later.

Smyth gave his victims sweets, crosses. Bibles, statues, and football kit. He preyed on the children of fam-

trusted him enough to let him take them away on trips to country retreats, to a parish priest's seaside house or to guest houses in Duhlin. Another woman, now a nurse, told of being repeatedly ahused in a

Her school uniform had been ber before making her see him.

stained after Smyth ejaculated on to it. The next day she had been humiliated and beaten in school because of the semen stains. When the girl refused to see Smyth again, the Mother Superior told her she was "above her station" and slapped

The girl later turned to drugs as a result of her ordeal. She attempted suicide by swallowing needles, and said that much of her adolescence was spent looking for pills with which to kill herself

Detective Inspector Thomas hate Smyth so much I could kill him." Dixon told the court that Smyth had

shown no remorse. DI Dixon agreed that some victims who had refused to go on further trips with Smyth had relented to prevent younger brothers and sisters being abused also. One male victim told the court: "

out an apology recognising that his actions were "sins against God, of-fences against individuals and the laws of the state". He said he regreited any trauma his victims may have suffered.

Judge Kelly said, because of psy-chiatric reports and because of the priest's conduct during a sexoffenders' treatment programme in Northern Ireland, he feared Smyth

would seriously sexually abuse again. The judge also cited Smyth's behaviour during prison-van journeys through Coleraine, when the priest became sexually excited at the sight of schoolchildren. He refused leave

to appeal.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales was yesterday confident that strict guidelines on investigating claims of sexual abuse by priests would prevent the English Church being hit by a huge damages payout similar to one facing an American diocese. The Roman Catholic diocese of Dallas was ordered to pay \$120m (£72m) damages to 10 former altar boys, and to the parents of another youngster, who were sexually abused by a Catholic priest. A jury in the civil case found the diocese guilty of not only failing to uncover the Rev Rudolph Kos's 11-year reign of ahuse. but also of covering up the evidence when victims finally came forward.

A number of priests have been convicted in Britain of sexual abuse of young boys over the past few years but no victims have ever brought a civil damages claim to court. If a diocese was sued, then a victim would have to prove that the Church had actually been negligent in that it had cov-ered up what had happened.

Father Kieran Conry, of the Catholic Media Office, said the Church was alert to any possibility of sexual abuse by priests and was do-In court on Tuesday Smyth read ing all it could to stamp it out.

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Mr Balmbra's daughter owns the land surrounding the house and is steadfastly refusing to give

Bank of Scotland are now embroiled in a legal battle to try and gain access to the house they own - estimated to be worth £250,000.

The four bedroom stonefronted house, complete with sauna, was built by Mr Balmhra in 1984, on land at his builder's yard near Alnwick Moor in Northumberland.

the home so he could invest in his building firm, but fell behind with repayments and the house was repossessed four days before Christmas last year. Mr Balmbra, 58, had trans-

ferred ownership of the land around the home to his daughter, Lesley, now 30, in 1992. She helps to run the adjacent builder's yard where her father is living in a caravan.

Another obstacle in the bank's way is a restriction written into the original deeds they can't sell and it's their fault. The powers-that-be at the bra and his immediate family can live in the house.

Mr Balmhra's solicitor, Barry Row, of Row and Scott in Newcastle, said: "The Bank of Scotland appear to have overlooked the fact the land they gave a mortgage on was sur-rounded by land which didn't belong to Mr Balmbra. They

have a problem." "I suppose in a way you can

He took out a mortgage on say we are having the last laugh the home so he could invest in at the moment, "said Mr Balmbra. "But in reality this is not that funny. We were kicked out of our house four days before Christmas, even though we pleaded for one last Christmas there.

"They have acted like shits ever since, We didn't start this. When we went to re-mortgage the house the bank didn't do the proper searches to see if there were any restrictions with the property and there were 18 in all. They are left with a house

because we don't want to see someone else living in the house we worked so hard to build." Alan Scouller, a spokesman

for the Bank of Scotland, said: We have rightfully obtained possession of the property and are seeking to realise that security for a debt. There are some planning conditions which are unduly onerous which are preventing us from proceeding."



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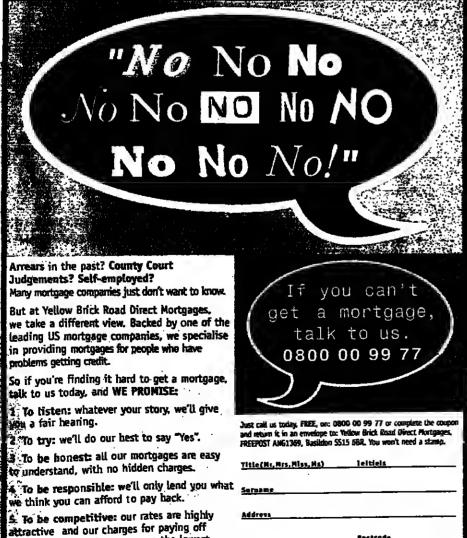


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Mills seeks urgent inquiry into CPS

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The Director of Public Prosecudecision-making process in the Crown Prosecution Service, in the wake of her climbdowns this week in two court challenges to decisions not to prosecute police officers over deaths in custody.

The High Court, meanwhile, reserved judgment in a third judicial review that is challenging the CPS decision not to bring prosecutions against former West Midlands Serious Crime Squad officers who extracted a confession from a suspect, Derek Treadaway, by

placing plastic bags over his head. The DPP has come under increasing fire to open up the CPS to scrutiny after Dame Barbara agreed on two successive days to reconsider earlier decisions not to prosecute officers over the deaths of Nigerian-born Shiji Lapite and Irishman Richard O'Brien in 1994.

In a statement last night, the CPS said the inquiry would "review the process and quality of casework decision-making in cases handled by tions, Barbara Mills, last night set 'CPS Central Casework (and wider up an urgent inquiry into the if necessary) which do not result in prosecution, and the particular handling of the two cases".

The inquiry will also look at how contradictory material came to be included in affidavits and documents in the O'Brien case, and whether this and the Lapite case were "symptomatic of weaknesses in the CPS both in relation to how decisions not to prosecute are taken and also how judicial reviews are prepared".

The inquiry is to be headed by an independent lawyer and its terms of reference will be published next week. The lawyer's report to the DPP will be made public.

The scale of Dame Barbara's response to mounting criticism will be seen as a vindication of the complaints of campaigners and legal experts about the attitude taken to death in custody cases.

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Deborah Coles, co-director of the pressure group Inquest yes-terday said: The DPP has admitted that her decisions in these cases are fundamentally flawed. Inquest considers this to be a shocking indictment of the way the CPS han-dles cases involving allegations of police violence. These proceedings have revealed a shambolic decisionmaking process for which the DPP is ultimately responsible. In those circumstances, we consider her position to be untenable."

A CPS spokesman said: "We successfully prosecute 1.3 million cases every year, but we are very concerned about what went wrong in these two cases."

The Treadaway case has been the subject of a civil court ruling in an action for battery, when Mr Justice McKinnon awarded Mr Treadaway £50,000 in damages after finding "on a high degree of probability" that officers had obtained a robbery confession by subjecting him to "nothing less than





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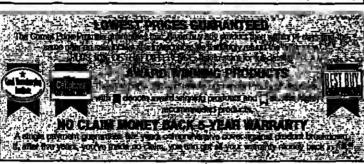
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Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Tony Blair yesterday continued his honeymoon with the voters on the streets of Uxbridge where the Conservatives are fighting to avoid losing their seat in the byelection on Thursday.

The shopping precinct provided the rare speciacle of a serving Prime Minister who is popular with the people on the hustings. He was mobbed by well-wishers. They shook him by the hand, got his autograph, and pushed children forward to se PP2 Octable ... CESPC Mare meet him. A youth with an earring grabbed him by the hand PACE MESTOD 200 cremets
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Store date in the sea and said: "Good luck Tone you're our champion, mate." A

dustbin lorry went by, hooting the support of the binmen." In the middle of the High Street a blonde threw her arms round the Prime Minister, and planted a kismon his cheek. Kate Brooks, who voted Conservative in 1992 but switched to Labour on 1 May, had waited all morning to meet him. "I used to be a Tory but he has transformed the Labour Party and made

them very electable. He has made a terrific Prime Minister." attempt to spoil his arrival by fielding a rarer bird, a Euro-sceptic Labour deserter, and the

ambition to re-enter Parlia-ment, providing there is a safer prospect on offer.

The Tories are exploiting the resentment among some local Labour activists at the imposition of Andrew Slaughter, a former political adviser to Michael Meacher, as the Labour candidate to replace David Williams, who stood for Labour only two months ago. The only heckling came from a silver-haired man, asking why they did not have a local Labour candidate.

Mr Blair was offering no apologies for the switch of candidates. "When you represent a place, you have to represent it in Westminster. You have to cut the ice there and make an impact. I think people want someone who is going to really stand up and be counted, and make an impact, rather than someone who is going to disappear into the wiknown," he said.

His speech was almost word for word what he said on the hustings in the general election. His reception had not changed, but it cannot last, and Labour spin doctors know that it does not mean they will win on Thursday. It is the first test of public opin-He shrugged off the Torics' ion since the election, and William Hagne's election as the Tory leader. The Tories will claim that Mr Blair's honeymoon appearance of Michael Por- is over, if they win. If they do not tillo, who lost his own seat in the hold on to Uxbridge, which is a landslide, but was out cam-paigning for the Tory candidate. solidly Tory seat, it will be a se-John Randall as a sign of his of rebuilding party morale.





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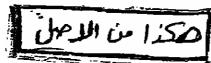
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Police defend 'blacked-up' identity parade

Jason Bermetto Crime Correspondent

The police force which "blacked-up" eight white men in an identity parade with a black suspect yesterday defended their action and argued that it was difficult to find ethnic minority volunteers in the north of England.

South Yorkshire police were widely criticised after it emerged that the faces of the white men were painted by a make-up artist in an attempt to make them look like the defendant. Their hands, however, were left white.

The hlackmail case involving the hlack man at Sheffield Thursday after judge Michael Astili described the identification procedures as "a farce". South Yorkshire police said

yesterday that they had successfully used a make up artist on a number of occasions to alter skin tones. They said they could not find any volunteers in Sheffield

to appear in an ID parade that looked like the suspect, Martin Kamara, who is 6ft 3, weighs 16 stone and is black and bald. They contacted the police in

Bradford, Leeds and Newcastle for alternative volunteers. but failed to find any.

Rosie Winterton, Labour MP for Doncaster ceotral, said yesmined"confidence in the police and described it as a "completely

not considered very reliable.

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ludicrous procedure". Tim Hollis, Assistant Chief Constables of South Yorkshire Police, said: "We take great

pride in our ID parades.
"We acted in good faith, albeit the officer in the case was misguided in trying too hard and naturally, we will be reviewing our procedures accordingly.

He added: "Checks were made with banks of volunteers force wide and a search was made as far north as Newcastle without success.

"Knowing that the [make-up] artist had been successful in altering skin tones previously, 15 white volunteers of similar height and huild were brought

"The solicitor and his client examined the line-up at some length but conceded that it was not a fair likeness. We acted in good faith and tried something which did not work. But we got it wrong trying to he as fair as we could to provide the right level of evidence."

Martin Kamara, 43, an engineer, of Wheatley, Doncaster, was to plead oot guilty to blackmailing a financial adviser. His solicitor had objected to the white volunteers provided by the police and Mr Kamara was eventually postively identified in



Sensory adventure: Viewers exploring Dreamspace at Shepherd's Bush Green in west London yesterday, where artist Maurice Agis has filled a glant Inflatable bubble with a kalaidoscope of colour and composer Stephan Montagua has set it pulsing with sound Photograph: Rebecca Naden



Journey's end: Mike Grindley (right) back at GCHQ

After 14 years go marching

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

They were 20 mioutes late for work. The trade-union heroes who had spent nearly 14 years campaigning to get their jobs back at the top secret Government Communications Headquarters failed to turn up on time for their momeotous jour-

oey through the gates.
It was the fault of the photographers who insisted on sev-eral "walk-ins" before the nine GCHQ refuseniks got it right. There were also the glasses of birter to be emptied at the neartw Hewlett Arms where assorted trade unionists foregathered for the occasion and eventually trickled in ones and twos towards the main GCHQ gate 200 yards away.

There were no bands, little in the way of popular tumult, although several union banners made an appearance.
This was the great symbolic

occasion for those who refused to give up their union membership despite the insistence of the Thatcher government in 1984. It was an opportunity for them to thumb their noses at Baroness Thatcher.

In fact, the unions had agreed the event should be "understated". David Omand, director of the communications centre. had counselled that a triumphalist return of trade unionism to the Cheltenham-based listening centre, would not go down well with existing staff.

Having tinally negotiated the gates, with refusenik Mike Grindley to the fore, the returnees, along with assorted civil service union higwigs, were taken by transit van to the cen-tre of the complex. There they encountered a strangely different atmosphere to the one they left more than a decade ago. There was tea and bickies and a presentation by Mr Omand, who told them that the end of the Cold War meant that

the main emphasis of the electrooic snooping at the centre had now changed from coun-tries with which the United Kingdom disagreed politically to international criminals.

In a previous meeting with union leaders, the director had even suggested that he would encourage his employees to become members of the PTC civil service union which the old pariah staff association recent-

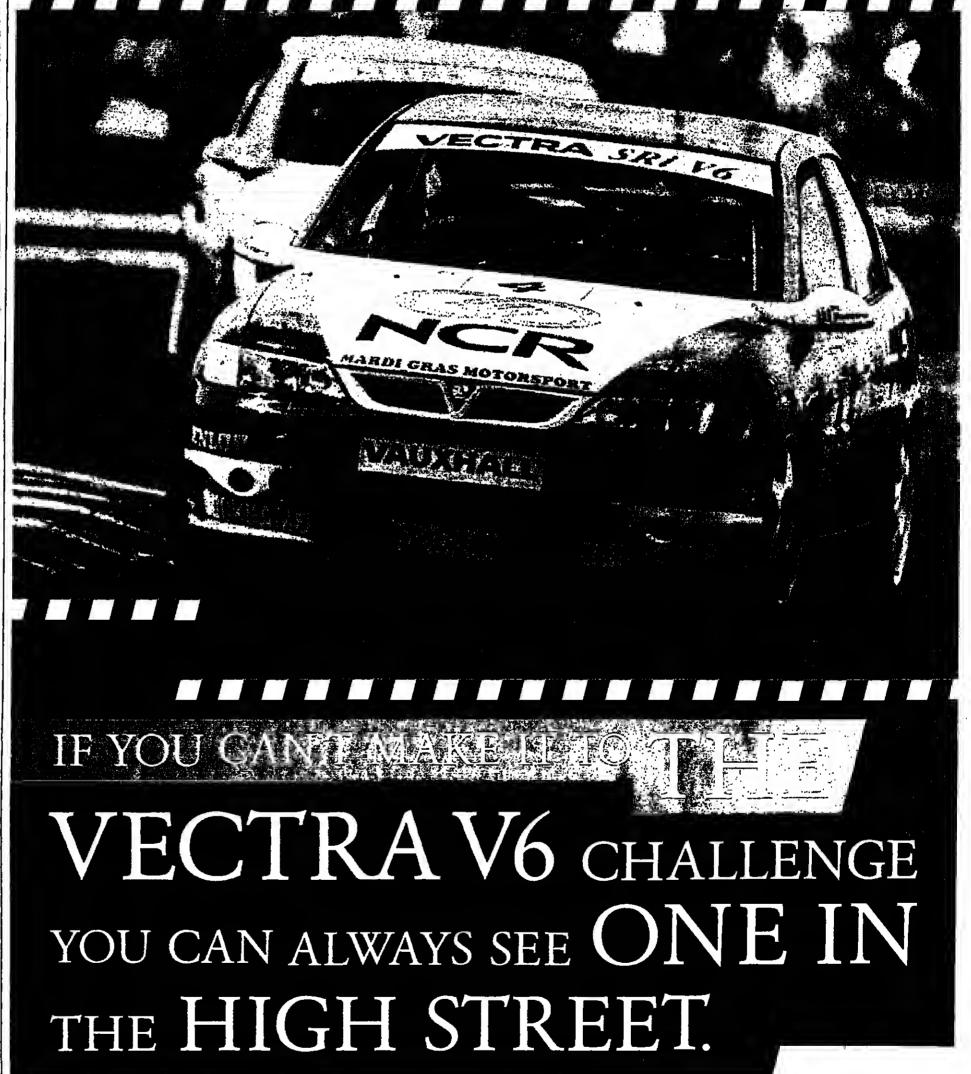
ly voted to join.

Mr Grindley, an expert in
Mandarin, who is presumed to have monitored the military and diplomatic conversations of the Chinese, noted that the director could not bring himself to apologise for the ban and neither could any of his lieutenants. Nevertheless. Mr Grindley admitted that he was amazed that the day had finally arrived. "After so many years arguing the case with anyone pre-pared to listen. I feel clated. The people in GCHQ were very welcoming and very civilised."

John Sheldon, general secretary of the PTC and one nf those who accompanied the returnees through the gates, was determinedly upbeat about the day. "The slur that unions would somehow damage national security has been lifted from ordinary working people and I think that's wonderful.

There was a nagging doubt among other trade unionists present at what will be seen as a rather esoteric little gathering. The Labour Party has met its pledge to allow unions back into GCHQ, but there are infinitely more sensitive decisions heing sought from the Govern-ment by the union movement.

It was relatively easy to allow a few union members back into GCHQ and even to recognise their organisation. The big prize for trade unions will be the evectual introduction of legislation enforcing union recognition where more than half of any workforce votes for it.



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Back to bronze age for Swampy's friends

Clare Gamer

A sense of foreboding looms over Lyminge Forest. The bailiffs could be in on Monday and the unspoiled Kent haven of natural beauty and site of ancient settlements may be buried for ever.

their ancestors did four thouthey must secure what they have and hold their nerve.

returning time and time again tlement site is exceptionally

Janine Roberts, who cycled in The "tree people", living the forest as a child, quoted Brimuch as one would imagine an Philp, a member of the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, sand years earlier, are putting the finishing touches to their who wrote to complain that the archaeological assessment carwho wrote to complain that the fortresses. Naturally, there is al-ried out in 1994 was "ill-conways more they could do - ceived" and yielded results more tunnels, more tree-houses, more fences - but for now which were "not valid". He concluded: "Your claim that none of the new sites is of particular significance is quite A clutch of agitated archae- frankly misleading. All are imologists stand on the sidelines, portant and the Bronze Age set-

to evidence marshalled over the past few years which to their minds spells out why Rank Organisation's proposals for an Oasis holiday village in West Wood should have been stubbed out at the stan.

> rare in Keot and will, of course, be destroyed by your scheme." Meanwhile, as the protesters tunnel, they discover what they believe to be Neolithic flint tools. Such finds spark hope - as does the news that Rank's share price is plummeting. Final arrangements include

an outing into Canterbury to stock up on food supplies and discussing ways of attaching themselves to "lock-ons" with minimum risk of injury, Aloft the Kookahurra Tree, sisters Scaz and Munch say: "Most of the work is done. We're ready." Their friend, called Granny on

ing knots, is bracing herself for the battle. "My higgest fear is claustrophobia and I'm locking myself in a tunnel she said. At the end of the evictions the

Earthworks: The protester Andy digging under West Wood in Lyminge Forest, where tunnellers have found what they believe are Neolithic flint tools

protesters intend, as Crystal Chandelier put it, "to leave only footprints and take away freely in the designated Area of

account of her expertise in ty- memories". Sadly, Rank's plans are rather different. West Wood, which is carpeted with bluebells in spring and

is host to a number of indicator species, belongs to the Forestry Commission and any

Rank has its way, the natural habitat will soon be supplanted by a 3,400 capacity car-park, 750 holiday homes, a nine-hole golf course, an artificial lake and other "attractions".

One of the protesters' camps is actually huilt in an area car-

Outstanding Natural Beauty. If marked by Rank as a "wooded area". A strange place for the protesters to wage their cam-paign? No. It is very shrewd. For Rank cannot afford to ravage that particular section of the forest, which means that the job of evicting the protesters will be al



Jails crisis forces rethink

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The Government is to shelve plans for tough new sentences for repeat burglars as part of a package of measures aimed at stemming the escalating prison population.

The need for action was underlined yesterday with the publication of a Prison Service audit that warned that the jail system was at risk of running out of control because of overcrowding.

The rising jail population in England and Wales, which is expected to produce a shortfall of provisions of the Crime (Sen-

1999, has become Jack Straw, the Home Secretary's first crisis. On Thursday, he announced a £43m emergency cash injection to help ease the overcrowding.

Next week, he will announce that he will delay the implementation of new powers for automatic three-year minimum sentences on third-time burglars, This measure, which was expected to be introduced in 1999, would have resulted in the jailing of an extra 8,000 pris-

wait until extra finances are hurgiary provisions "would add available.

He will give the go-ahead for the introduction of automatic life sentences for second-time rapists and serious sexual and violent offenders, along with automatic seven-year sentences for third-time dealers in hard drugs. These measures will become law in the autumn.

The Prison Service audit, ordered by Mr Straw following Labour's election victory, says these new sentences for the more serious offences would only add about 170 to the prison population by the end of the about 3,000 places by spring tences) Act, will now have to century. But warned that the

very large numbers". The Home Secretary will also unveil plans for the extension of electronic tagging in communi-ty sentences and methods of speeding up the criminal justice system, particularly the reduc-tion in time that people spend on remand awaiting trial.

Mr Straw hopes these initia-tives will help lower the prison

total, which is about 62,200 and rising by about 250 a week. He said yesterday that the prison population had risen by 2,500 since the general election - "the equivalent of five prisons over the last three months".

denies deal on fish quotas Katherine Butler

Brussels

A European Union "deal" over Britain's complaints on fish quota-hopping, lauded by Downing Street as a victory for the Prime Minister after last month's Amsterdam summit, was little more than a public relations sham, according to senior Brussels officials.

They confirmed that Spain's foreign minister, Abel Matutes, has been told in a letter from the European Commission President, Jacques Santer, that no "deal" was done with Tony Blair at Amsterdam. The letter

to Madrid explains that Mr Santer advised Mr Blair of the longstanding legal remedies open to all EU governments for

dealing with quota-hopping.

Last night, EU officials said that these remedies, which could involve putting the onus on Spanish boats registered in Britain to prove the existence of an economic link with the country for example by landing a percentage of their catch in United Kingdom ports, were well known to the previous British government. There was never at any

stage an offer of additional concessions made to Mr Blair. They also revealed that deta-hopping at Amsterdam, the Government has remained silent on the issue ever since.

The hall is in London's court. We have outlined the possibilities, but we have heard absolutely nothing from them since then. They should in theory have launched consultations with the UK fishing industry but we have heard nothing," said a senior official.

Another source dismissed

British efforts to present last month's discussions between Tony Blair and Mr Santer as blatant media manipulation". Mr Blair's press officer Alastair

spite the fuss made about quo- Campbell is said to have telephoned a number of journalists covering the Amsterdam summit to "leak" details of the so-called deal.

The official said the British government could introduce rules to force Spanish boats to establish an economic link with Britain.

But they could not be discriminatory and Scottish fish-ermen could be expected to resist any change in the law which although designed to stamp out quota-hopping would have the effect of banning them from landing their catches in



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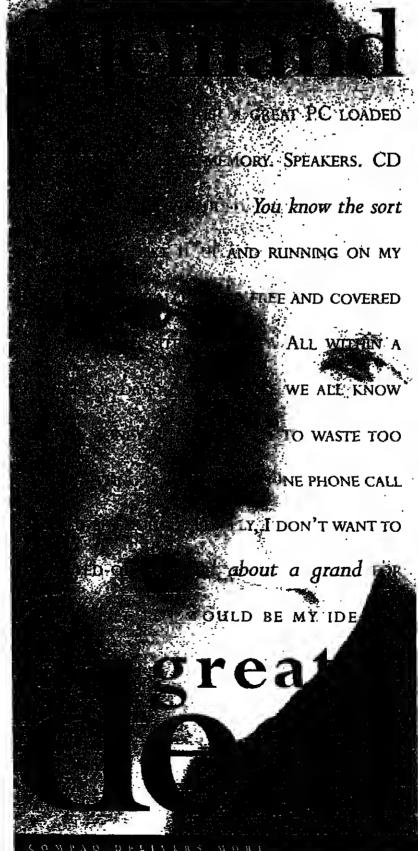
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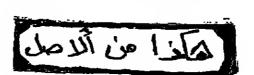
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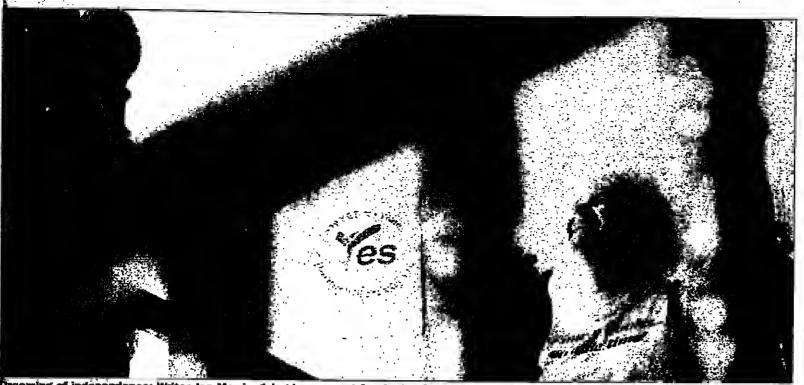
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Brown warns: Don't block Scots' will



reaming of independence: Writer Jan Morris giving her support for the 'yes' campaign in Cardiff yesterday

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Gordon Brown last night warned the House of Lords against any attempt to defy the will of the people by obstruct-ing legislation to hring in a parliament for Scotland.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer told a Glasgow devolution rally: "In the Seventies, the House of Lords put 235 amendments to the dev lution plans. Already, in the Ref-erendum Bill, they have voted one proposal down, and put down 158 amendments."

He said there was a parliamentary doctrine that when a Government was implementing a manifesto commitment, the Lords should feel constrained from blocking or voting down constitutional reform. "The referendum will provide

a clear expression of the will of the people of Scotland," Mr Brown said. "The House of Lords, elected by no one, should think again before voting down or delaying devolution plans and frustrating the will of

With the threat of government action to take away hered-itary peers' rights to sit and vote in the Lords, some members of the upper House might feel it wise to hold back from outright

opposition to the legislation.
But the Government will still face a fight in the Commons over plans to speed up consideration of the legislation by hiving off time-consuming scrutiny of the detail to stand-

ing committees of MPs. With this week's publication of the devolution white papers for Scotland and Wales behind them, Donald Dewar, the Sec-retary of State for Scotland, and Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, yesterday opened their campaigns for the September referendums.

Mr Dewar told an Edinhurgh press conference: "We kept our side of the bargain. The proposals are on the table ... it is for voters to decide on Thursday, 11 September whether they want a powerful new par-liament with tax-varying powers

or whether they want to stay In a lively, one-day Commons debate on the Welsh proposals, Mr Davies faced criticism from both sides of the House about the impact of his plans on his

future authority. Opening a debate on the White Paper, A Voice for Wales, Mr Davies said it was time to make a fresh start and break away from the "sleaze and incompetence" that dominated

politics under the Tories But Michael Ancram, the shadow spokesman, said: "11 is simply naive to helieve that, were Wales to have an assemhly as proposed, that the voice of Wales at Westminster would remain undiminished.

"The main Welsh voice at the centre of power would - to put it hluntly - be castrated. The Secretary of State would be no more than a messenger boy, a voice without power or influ-ence, a broken reed, bleating on the margins of Cabinet gov-

Ted Rowlands, the former Labour minister, said he sup-ported the White Paper, but he said the Secretary of State for Wales was being made "something of an economic eunuch".

Writers give their word on autonomy for Wales

The campaign to secure an elected assembly for Wales took on a cultural edge vesterday with the launch of "Writers Say Yes For Wales". About a dozen of the principality's leading wordsmiths - film and television writers as well as poets by Club in Cardiff to pledge their backing in the referendum due on 18 September.

Lining up beneath a banner bearing the legend "Say Yes For Wales - Dwedwch le Dros Gymru" Jan Morris spoke for them: "This is our last chance. If the majority of the Welsh peoplc don't vote 'yes' in the ref-

Those in favour ...

They say 'Yes' for Wales: Interest groups already set up - writers, farmers. pensioners, teachers. interest groups in process of being set up health workers (doctors, nurses and ancillary

staff), quango employees environmentalists. Groups have been set up in more than half Wales's 40 parliamentary constituencies. These include Pontypridd, Brecon and Radnor, Flint, Merihyr, Pembroke, Llanelli, Cynon Valley, Vale of Glamorgan, Conwy, Denblohshire,

erendum no one alive is ever going to see true nationhood in

Wrexham, Montgomeryshire, Caerphilly.

Ms Morris, who reported the conquest of Everest on 29 May 1953 and travels the world from her home at Llanystumd-wy in North Wales, described herself as a romantic nutter who dreamed of an independent Wales. "What we are going to vote about is more a matter of the heart than the brain," she

It is more than 40 years since Elaine Morgan, who won recog-nition for her television epic of Lloyd George's life for the BBC, first put pen to paper. Her

controversial book The Aquatie Ape Hypothesis is promoting head-scratching among naked ape buffs. She was as forthright on devolution as she is on evolution: "Those opposed to devolution suffer from a terminal lack of self-esteem and selfconfidence.

Supporters of the status quo and novelists - gathered at the received a broadside from play-headquarters of St Peter's Rug-wright Ed Thomas whose Song For A Forgotten City won critical acclaim when it was performed at London's Royal Court Theatre two years ago. His screenplay of House of America, a drama about opencast coal-mining, may be headed in the same direction. He lambasted what he described as 'the miserablist tendency".

"We all know these mediocre people who lack vision and n wear suits," Mr Thomas himself dressed less conventionally in slacks and top, said.

With less than two months to go before the referendum, "yes" campaigners are spreading their net wide. "Pensioners Say Yes" is the brainchild of Benjamin Howells, a 67-year-old retired psychiatrie nurse of Church Village, near Pontypridd. "Most of the 'no' campaign seems to be geriatric but we're in the majority," he claimed.

Around 1,000 people have signed up pledging to take part in a senior eitizens' march in Cardiff shortly before 18

September. The "Teachers Say Yes For Wales" organisers have enlist-ed the support of Roy James, one of the most respected ed-ucationalists in Wales. Earlier this year he retired as Wales's Chief Inspector of Schools. Emollient and consensus-seeking where Chris Woodhead. the Chief Inspector in England, is perceived to be abrasive and confrontational. Mr James says carefully: "It is a sign of a mature democracy that decisions are taken by those most affected by those decisions."

There is something of the referee in Mr James. And as Jan Morris led the writers away from their conclave, a rugby club seemed quite an appropriate venne for the whistle to be blown on a game seen to be played wholly according to London rules.

Fierce leader for

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ONE DAY YOU MAY MEET A GERMAN TYRE ENGINEER AT A PARTY. BE PREPARED.

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

A former Tory minister with a reputation as a parliamentary nottweiler is expected to be chosen next week as the chairman of the powerful Public Accounts Committee, the Commons public ex-

penditure watchdog. David Davis, 48, the former foreign office minister responsible for Europe, was among the names listed for the PAC on the Commons order paper vesterday. and close colleagues said he was expected to be chosen at the first necting as the new chairman.

The PAC chairmanship traditionally goes to a member of the Opposition, and under the Labour MP Robert Sheldon it carried out a wide range of fi-

nancial investigations into gov ernment spending, including fraud in a Welsh quango, and the waste of taxpaver's money on National Health Service

Mr Davis was regarded as one of the most aggressive min-isters in John Major's team, and could sink his teeth into the Government's flanks. "If Davis is chosen, I wouldn't like to be in the ministers' shoes," said one

Labour MP.

Mr Davis, an ex-grammar school boy who also studied at the London and Harvard husiness schools, was elected in 1987 as the MP for Boothferry and served as parliamentary aide to Francis Maude, then a Trensury minister, before be-

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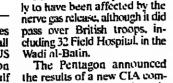
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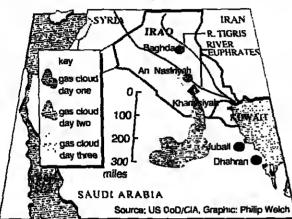
Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Nearly 100,000 United States troops may have received small doses of Iraqi nerve gas after US forces blew up an ammunition dump just after the 1991 Gulf

The Pentagon said on Thursday night that long-term effects from hrief exposure to the vapourised sarin nerve gas were unlikely, but the US Veterans Administration (VA) believes it could be one factor in the mysterious Gulf war illness reported by many US and British



outer model of the way the sarin nerve gas spread after US troops blew up the Khamisiyah arms depot, 20 miles south-east of Nasirivah, on the Euphrates, on 10 March 1991. It showed that in the prevailing weather conditions the plume of gas may have drifted nearly 3(1) miles south and then west before dispersing four days later. This



troops, but not over most of the British forces, who were in central Kuwait.

Immediately after the Gulf war, the US and British au-thorities denied there had been any release of the Trauis' huge stocks of chemical weapons. including nerve gas. When the news that US troops had blown up the Khamisiyah dump was first released in June last year, the number of troops exposed was put at a few hundred.

Bernard Rostker, the Pentagon's special assistant for Gulf war illness, said 98,900 people might have been exposed to low level doses of sarin and that the Pentagon had begun notifying them yesterday.

"When rockets were destroyed in the pit area of Khamisiyah on March 10 1991, the nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin may have been released into the air. the letter read.

If you were with your unit at this time, you may have been in an area where exposure to a very low level of nerve agents was

The Pentagon released maps on the Internet showing the movement of the gas plume. On the first day, it headed due



Hostile outlook: A US soldier, on a post-war exercise in 1996, donning a gas mask near the Iraqi border Photograph: Reuters

the fourth it contracted to the

area around Khamisivah. Last year, the Pentagon said about 20,000 US troops had heen within 30 miles of the ammunition dump, and might therefore have been exposed. No US troops experienced any noticeable health effects at the time. "Current medical evidence

hrief low-level exposure to nerve agents, the Pentagon said.

Dr Susan Mather, a VA expert, said; "We know of no risks that this low-level exposure to nerve gas would incur. There was plenty of data on exposure to higher levels of nerve gas a droplet of which, the size of a pinhead, can kill, but we don't south, on the second south-west indicates that long-term health have a lot of knowledge of hu-and on the third, north-west. On problems are not likely from man heings at that low level."

Many British Gulf veterans now believe the unexplained Gulf war illness, which has affected 1,880 of the 51,000 British troops who were in the Gulf, is caused by the precautions taken against chemical and hiological attack, and not by exposure to nerve gas itself. British and US

troops took tablets to strength-

en their resistance to nerve gas and were inoculated against germ warfare including plague, anthrax and whooping cough.

Organophosphate pesticides used in vast quantities to counter the flies, have also been hlamed. The French, who were not given any of the jabs or tablets, have not suffered from "Gulf war illness". And the nerve gas cloud from Khamisiyah would have passed over French troops.

Cunanan mystery: German quizzed

Phil Davison

The FBI yesterday questioned the German owner of a Miannherthed househout in which the suspected gay serial killer Andrew Cunanian reportedly shot himself on Wednesday.

Agents are trying to find out chether Cunanan knew Terster. Reineck, owner of a gay health spa in Las Vegas and self-styled citizen of the Principality of Scaland". He reportedly flashes a "Scaland passport" and dri-

ves a Rolls-Royce with diplomatic Scaland plates. Miami Beach police believe Cunanan lived on the houseboat and on a vacht berthed near hy. after he allegedly shot Versuce last week. Police came under more criticism yesterday alter the vacht's owner said he told them an intruder had been sleeping on the craft and scattered papers carrying head-lines about Cunanan. The police took two days to visit the vacht and seemed uninterested.

Cunanan apparently entered the houseboat without lorce. suggesting he may have had a key. According to the police version he put a pistol into his mouth on Wednesday and pulled the trigger after being disturbed by a caretaker. Fernando Carreira, 71, who said he went on to the boat after secing it was not properly locked. I heard a boom and ran like hell. I thought the shot was for me. I thought it was some

Gun deaths fall in US – as road toll picks up speed

Mary Dejevsky Washington

It is a classic case of "good news, bad news", American-style. The good news is that deaths by shooting - a major cause of accidental death in the United States - are falling sharply. The bad news is that road deaths are starting to rise and traffie accidents have superseded guns

children and young adults in the US. The two trends, which reverse

as the biggest cause of death among

National Center for Health Statisties. The figures, which relate to 1995, show firearms deaths falling from a peak of 15.6 per 100,000 people in 1993 to 13.9 in 1995, an 11 per cent fall. This compares with an increase of 22 per cent between 1985 and 1993. Traffic deaths, in contrast. rose by 2 per cent over the same period to reach 16.4 after falling from

While the fall in fatal shootings is variously attributed to tougher laws

1.4 per 100,000 people in 1985 to

umented in the annual report of the and policing, demographic factors ferently, denies that the increase in (fewer young men in the age range at highest risk) and changes in public attitudes towards violence, the authorities find the increase in road deaths harder to explain. They discount some of the obvious causes: deaths in alcohol-related accidents have fallen by 32 per cent in the past 10 years, and the nationwide 55mph speed limit was abolished only last year - too recently to affect the 1995 figures.

road deaths is as large as health officials say it is. Its figures for 1996 show deaths up by 109 (out of a total of 41,907) - a figure a spokesman described as "negligible" - and it says the number has remained "unchanged" since 1992.

But the main road safety organisation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is in little doubt, either about the interpretation of the figures or about the cause. The Department of Transporta- It ascribes the earlier fall in deaths tion, which compiles its statistics dif- to increased safety consciousness -

greater use of seat belts, less drunken driving, improved car engineering and lower speeds. It blames the recent increase on one thing: reck-

lessness on the part of drivers. After two weeks of driving in five different states, I cannot express great surprise. While the US enjoys an international reputation as a nation not just of car drivers, but of safe car drivers, the statistics tell a different story. In terms of road deaths per 100,000 of the population, its has

including France and Germany. Britain ranks among the safest.

I am inclined to agree with the road safety organisations in judging that driving standards in the US have markedly declined in recent years. From being a relaxing pleasure, driving the highways and byways of the US has become, at least for the occupants of a small passenger car,

an experience fraught with risk. Whether because the density of traffic has increased or because cars long been more dangerous than were engineered for the 55mph most West European countries, speed limit (introduced as an ener-

gy-saving measure in the wake of the oil crisis), the ability of many US drivers to manoeuvre and react at speed seems minimal cumpared to

that of European drivers. The vast lorries that ply the interstate mutorway system may be subject to tough weight limits, but most states do not regulate their speed or the lanes they travel in. The result is an intimidating presence of heavy vehicles storming along the fast lanes of major routes. It is no wonder that more and more Americans are buying bigger and yet bigger cars.

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allay Goba is a grandmother. But when an armed group attacked her village and murdered her grandchildren, husband and son-in-law, her status was reduced to that of a statistic.

When, ever it was refused.

The Home compassion as

She became just one more of the world's millions of displaced people. Sallay fled her bome and found shelter in another village. But a year later that village was also attacked. Sallay's hands were severed and tied to her elbows with string. With her hands went any slim chance Sallay may have had of returning to a normal life.

Sallay would have had a better chance had she fled her home country, Sierra Leone. It would be nice to think that if she had managed to reach Britain, we would have helped ber.

Unfortunately, thousands who do manage to flee their home countries, seeking refuge from persecution like that suffered by Sallay, find no welcome in the West.

Instead they may be branded economic migrants, or bogus asylum seekers. To read the rantings of some British newspapers, you'd imagine that people like Sallay have brought terrible calamities upon themselves for the sole purpose of defrauding the British taxpayer.

Listen, Sallay did not ask for men to come and kill her husband, son-in-law and grandchildren. Do you imagine that she enjoyed being driven from her home, alone, penniless and terrified? Did she ask for her hands to he hacked off?

The story of Marie, an ordinary woman.

Marie was a chemist. She and her hushand lived in Kinshasa where he was active in Zaire's democratic opposition. At 2am on 8 August 1993, soldiers broke down the door to Marie's house. Inside they found Marie, her hushand, his mother and brothers. They seized her husband. When they assaulted Marie, her hrothers-in-law intervened and were shot dead. Five or six soldiers took turns to rape Marie. She lost consciousness. When she awoke, she found that her hushand had heen taken away by the soldiers. He has never been seen since.

Marie was urged by friends to flee. Her employer arranged for her to travel by car and boat to the north, where she could catch a plane out of Zaire. In great pain, with no idea of where she was going, she boarded an aircraft which brought her to Heathrow. Here, not knowing where she was or what she should do, Marie was found wandering the corridors in a state of extreme traumatisation. Distraught and incoherent, she could not explain where she had come from, how, or why.

When, eventually, she was able to apply for political asylum. it was refused.

The Home Office ignored the appeals adjudicator's plea for compassion and prepared to deport Marie back to Zaire. To escape what might easily have turned out to be a death sentence. Marie was forced 'underground'. Finally, after a year in hiding, the Home Office relented and gave her leave to remain for a further year.

The war on refugees.

The odds in Britain, as in most other European countries, are massively stacked against asylum seekers.

Such is the media onslaught against people who have lost everything and suffered unimaginable griefs, that even people who usually think of themselves as caring, excuse their lack of compassion by saying, "It's tragic, but is nothing to do with us." So sorry, but it is.

People like Marie have a guaranteed right under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees to seek refuge in a safe country, if they have a "well-founded fear of persecution".

Was Marie's fear well-founded? You decide.

The United Kingdom, like all other European nations, has signed the UN Refugee Convention binding it to accept refugees and help them.

Should the British Government honour this commitment? You decide.

Every refugee is created by our failure.

The simple fact is that every single refugee is a direct consequence of a failure of government.

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Nobody wants to be a refugee.

People don't want to be bomeless any more than you do—they don't want to be tortured, murdered or raped any more than you do. They want to be offered a safe haven, as much as you would if you and your family were fleeing for your lives.

They long to go home as ardently as you would. When that's impossible, they'd like the chance to make a valuable contribution to their new country, just as you would.

For heaven's sake wake up and help them.

One powerful thing you can do is join Amnesty International and/or donate to our campaign funds. Ideally, you'll do both. You can help us stop the human rights abuse that creates refugees, and repeal those cruel laws that often deny them help after their lives have been destroyed.

Please don't turn away. Even a few pounds helps us to intervene on hehalf of people who are in terrifying danger, sometimes even to save their lives.

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imre Karacs

The heavens opened up above the Oder yesterday, compounding the misery of thousands of people already exhausted from their battle against the flood of the century. As the rain pounded rescue workers on the banks, the river broke through the dykes in three places, forcing the evacuation of 10,000 people and their livestock.

I'll drown with

my village

Aurith, a hamlet 20 miles downstream from the confluence of the Oder and the Neisse, was inundated for the second time. Inhabitants of Wiesenau and Ziltendorf near by were also asked to leave, as river defences were crumbling. Officials set op emergency shelters in schools and gym halls in villages still on dry land, but many villagers refused to leave their homes and tried to save them by piling up yet more sandbags. Many clung to their houses, surveying the new waterworld from the top floor of their damp property, be-cause of a widespread fear of looting.
"I'll drown with the village," said
Rainer Bublak, mayor of Wiesenan.

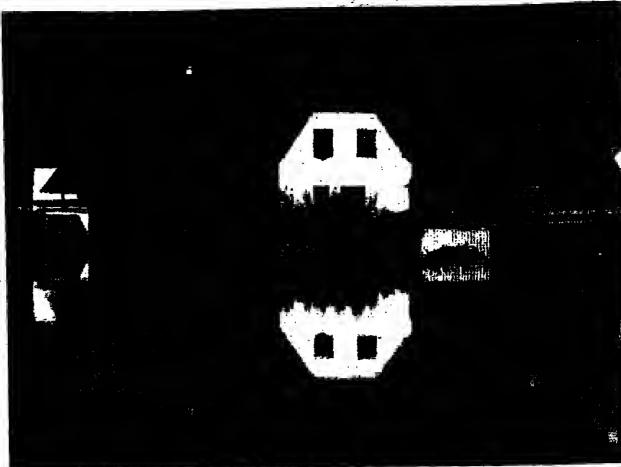
Several hundred extra police and bor-der guards were dispatched to the area to protect property. They pledged to 100 lives, it was raining too yesterday.

patrol the ghost villages night and day. In Brieskow, which lies 7m (21ft) below the crest of the waves, the authorities had been trying since morning to persuade residents to leave. Appeals were broadcast, church bells rang out, sirens wailed. Nevertheless, some peo-

ple were still there last night. Rescue workers did better in Ziltendorf, where the danger was imminent. "The evacuation is proceeding in am orderly manner," said Manfred Krohe, a spokesman of the Branden burg regional government. But he admitted "many families at first bring only their children to safety".

Downstream, in Frankfurt ao der Oder, the dykes were holding but beyoud it the situation grew critical. A makeshift wall of sandbags collapsed north of Frankfurt, deluging fields in the Oderbruch. This region is the most vulnerable section of the river in Germany, home to 19,000 people. The breach relieved pressure for the

moment on the barriers but if more rain comes the whole area will be evacuated. In Poland and the Czech Republic, where the waters of the Oder originate and have already claimed more than



Germans say Nein to more EU costs

Anger at paying lion's share put pressure on other member states

inne Karacs

Germany's campaign to reform EU finances received a boost from startling figures published yesterday, showing that more than four-fifths of the EU's budget came from German tax-

Citing statistics produced by the European Commission, the respected financial daily Han-delsblatt reported that 81.9 per cent of net cootributions to the community had originated in Germany last year. The previous estimates had put the rophiles. With budgets having German share of the common burden to between 50 and 60 pet cent.

But, according to Handelsblatt, this does not take account of costs associated with agricultural surpluses, and lost customs revenue, diverted from national capitals to Brussels. If these are taken into account, then three EU member states are revealed to be the biggest net contributors.

Others in this unlucky group are the Netherlands with 9.3 per ceot of net contributions, and Sweden with 4.1 per cent. Most of the rest, including Britain, Prance and Belgium, are oet

Reaction to these statistics was swift. "This sensationally high net share shows even more clearly that German EU contributions have to be reduced," said Ingrid Matthaus-Maier, the Social Democrats' budget spokeswoman. While the finance ministry in

Bonn questioned the accuracy of the latest estimates, there was oo disputing the scotimeot that Germany was paying too much for European solidarity. "Germany's net contributions have got out of proportion

in the last few years," Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, admitted last week, adding that the government and parliament were trying to correct the sys-

tem's flaws. "The aim is a tir-er distribution of the bulleo among the EU member stars," Mr Kinkel said.

Some of the expenses, arues the German governmeotare understaodable, because termany is partly compensate by hidden gains. Mr Kinkel hid Germany would always ay more than other members ait was the main beneficiary form the EU's single market - he destination for 75 per ceouf German exports.

But there is a limit, eveno to be cut everywhere, mainlyo help launch European monetry union, the DM140bn (£46h) net cost of German membersio in the EU between 1991 and 1996 rankles.

The Germans are rich, bt not that rich. Countries such & Denmark and Luxembourt well ahead of Germany in the league table of wealth, ar made richer still by German tax! Aware of increasing hostill

ty to all things European, the government is beginning to act With the prospect of new, poorer, countries joining the EU, a reform of the community's budget is inevitable. The German proposals call

for a redistribution of member countries' payments in line with their GDP.

The current rich beneficiaries Luxembourg, Denmark and Belgium - would have to start pulling their weight. The contributions of Britain, France and the Netherlands would be raised.

Not surprisingly, Bonn's icha of reform has not gone com very well in Brussels or in he capitals hardest hit.

But the German cry of We want our money back" wil sot be silenced. Even if, as a Jerman commentator lameted yesterday, "there is no Mararet Thatcher in Bonn".

significant shorts

Israelis snatch Palestinian

Israeli undercover forces kidnapped a suspect from an autonomous Palestinian enclave for the first time since their establishment under the Oslo accords. The arrest (Ghassan Mahdawi, alleged to be a member of Islamic Jihad, who tunnelled out of an Israeli prison in 1996, is another sign that Israel is limiting the degree of autonomy of the enclaves.

Patrick Cockburn - Jerusales

Fifa to probe Uday 'caning'

Football's world governing body, Fifa, is investigating reports that Uday, President Saddam Hussein's eldest so had the Iraqi team caned after it failed to qualify for the World Cup in France next year. A Fifa spokesman said it was taking the accusations against President Saddam's so extremely seriously.

Brazil march against market

Left-wing parties and trade unions called for oation-wide protests in Brazil against the government and its reformist, free-market policies. Reuters - Sao Paulo



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Vietnam: tiger economy that failed to roar

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pe Handi government in the lost is hustre.
Tere are none more disaptived than the Vietnamese creates whiched by decades we, the people of this hardand communist nation sare rod of their costly victories on attlefield. But among them, her is a sense of weariness at her continuing economic hardshir which the all-powerful Comunist Party has vowed, but as as yet failed, to relieve.

I this still half-cloted society, minvings rarely appear to outside. But there are recognisable sign that reform is now being struly demanded in Vietnam. A rikkle of reports emerging from he rural north, an area tradionally steeped in communist.

dion lly steeped in communist othology, speak of public un-

'I think e eryone was to optimistic hat reform rould bring rosperity'

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rest or living conditions, some say thworst expression of open discient in Vietnam for years. Thornds of angry farmers in the mote province of Thai Binlonverged on the region's marpon this month to protest agait official corruption and

pooleonomic development.

The peaceful protests; led by seconded veteran of the orces, houses of local comunist officials were ransadd and burnt to the ground. Thiroubles have not been microed in the state wording, a m of the communist ad-micration's unease at this

corporations scrambled to prof-

warning of a renewed crisis in Vietnam, the government says it is confident of achieving an economic growth rate of 9 per cent in 1997 without further liberalisation of its policies. The reforms of the 1980s were absolutely necessary for the country to stay afloat. Now, there is much less urgency for

They are still strong advocates of state control," he added. For the moment, there is little indication of that shift happening, although all eyes are now looking in hope to the pos-sible successors to Vietnam's by eccorated veteran of the control of aged top leaders, who cours was with the United are stepping down to make way Sta, turned violent and in for "new blood" later this year. rung street battles with the Results from nationwide elec-

nounced this weekend. The asthing the people of Victnata bave to a representative body, a m of the communistration have to a representative body, mitration's unexact at the is scheduled to approve a new paral for those disturbances prime maister and figurehead toroid to other dissatisfied president during its first sitting this common thanks appointed in the Victiminese is that the usual than his prospective, or misstership, Pham Van Khai, is

With election results due this weekend, Hanoi is facing up to flawed policies

statesman, and an energetic

proponent of economic reform.
But the top job, that of allpowerful Communist Party
chief, is likely to be awarded to

a more conservative figure. The man tipped for the post is Le Kha Phieu, now in charge of po-litical affairs within the armed

forces. With interests in manu-

past. Now it has a strong inter-

est in preserving the status quo, doing very little to allay concerns

that Vietnam's path towards

economic prosperity will con-tinue to be slow and arduous.

at least make some sort of dif-ference to their lives," said one Hanoi-based investor who refacturing, and joint ventures with foreign companies, the mil-itary has profited from the loos-ening of trade restrictions in the quested anonymity.

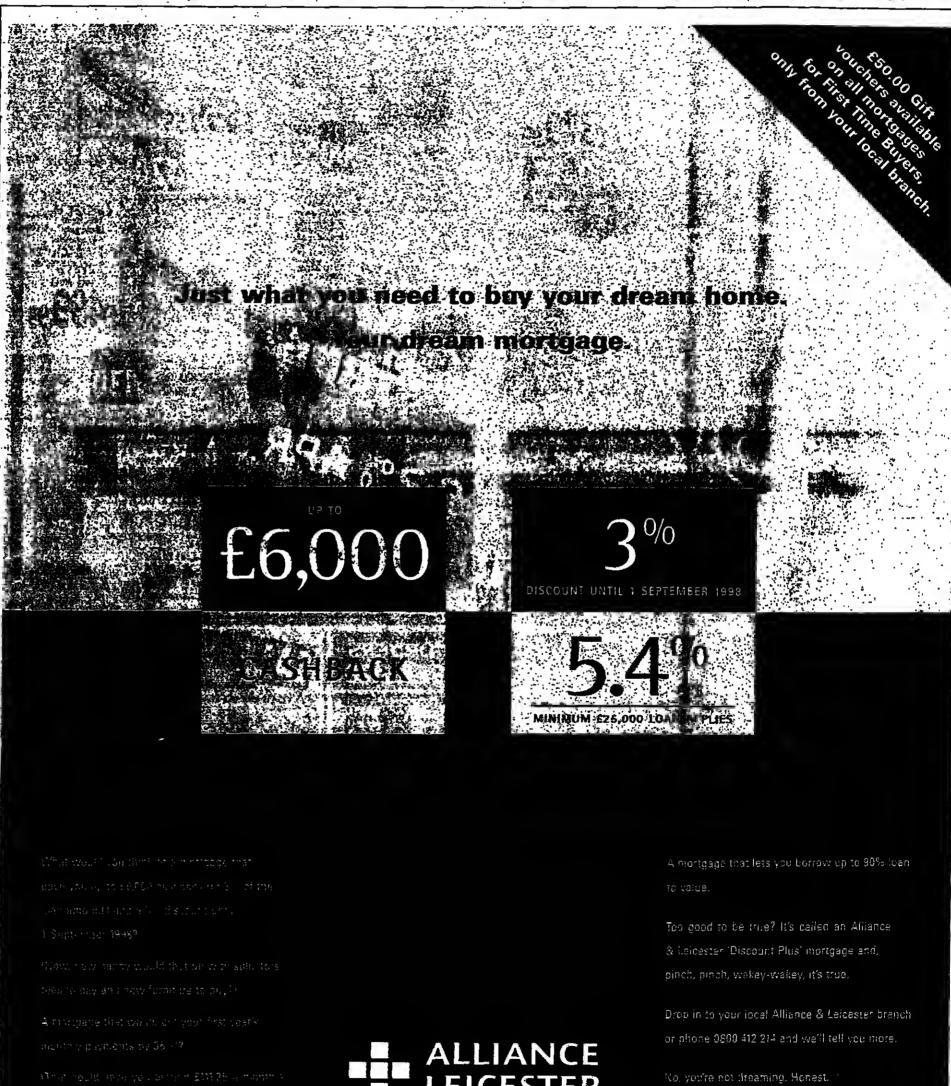
A decade ago, amid a wors-ening economic crisis compounded by the withdrawal of aid by the crumbling Soviet Union, the Hanoi administration ismached a programme of radical economic restructuring. known as doi moi. It was greeted with wide international approval: the currency, the dong, was permitted to fall in value to realistic levels on the international exchanges; the agricul-tural sector was opened to privatisation; and international

it from one of Asia's most liberal foreign investment codes. However, since then, the pace of much-needed economic re-form has slowed considerably. State enterprises still dominate commerce, and there is acute need for banking reform. But al-though economists and international observers have been

the government," said one diplomat. "The hardliners in power find further economic change difficult to stomach.

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In Florida, escapist fantasy can swamp reality

astbourne with alligators: why is
Florida the place to escape to? Tracey
Whalin and her son's 14-year-old
Whalin and her son's 14-year-old
Whalin and her son's 14-year-old friend are not the first runaways to seek to get away from humdrum reality in this fantasy paradise of permanent sunshine. But why should this particular swamp serve as the Never-Never Land of so much of the world's collective dreams?

Mrs Whalin was following the rather more arduous journey made by Juan Ponce de León in 1513, in his quest for the Fountain of Youth. He did oot find it, unsurprisingly, and died in the attempt. At least her quest only ended in leg-irons at Monroe County Deleniion Centre.

Escapism is a strong human impulse. Most people nurture dreams of being somewhere else. We tend not to say to ourselves: "Always remember that the grass is equally green on both sides of the fence." We need an imaginary place in our minds where the sun always shines and things are better, and we call it ... Florida. (All right, some people call it Provence, or Tuscany, or Zanzibar, but across most of America and Europe, Florida is the most popular daydream.)

The Sunshine State is where people want to go if they win the Lottery, or get a building society windfall, or simply want to splash out. It was the unseen star of Midnight Cowbuilt. But that is the trouble with earthly parboy. Set in the mean streets of New York, the adises: they are fine until people get there.

Throughout America, the middle class aspire to retire there. Throughout Europe, they want to go on holiday there. And for Mrs Whalin it seems it was the ultimate "get away from it all" destination (although no American would go to Florida in July: it is far too hot). The same sunshine and the same escapism attract the global rich and the Caribbean poor to Miami. Gianni Versace and Cuban emigrés made their homes there (or third home in Versace's case, after Milan and Lake Como). Floridians, it is said, are born Puerto Rican and die Caucasian.

Part of the attraction of Florida is the

timeless sun, sand and sea formula – although until the invention of air-conditioning and the draining of the swamps it was a rather inbospitable place. At the time of her arrest, Mrs Whalin was, we are told, enjoying the luxury of Room 1404 at the plush Ocean Point resort on Plantation Key, one of the string of islands which stretches from the southern tip of the state. The Florida Keys are described in the hrochures as one of America's "most beautiful unspoilt wildlife bavens" - which no doubt they were before Ocean Point was



And Florida, being America, is a paradise open to the masses. The history of the state is the history of escapism brought back to reality. After the indigenous population was deported to Oklahoma (no, really) and Florida became the 27th state in 1846, there began a huge migration from the rest of the US. The original inhabitants were descendants of native Americans and escaped slaves - slaves who had fled Caribbean islands to freedom, only to find themselves struggling to survive in the disease-ridden, reptile-infested swamps. The growth of 20th-century Florida was described as "frantic to the point of chaos", and it inevitably became the place - Cape Kennedy - from where America reached for the stars. But it also inevitably created in Miami one of the largest areas of urban deprivation in America, with a television police serial to match.

Then in 1971, the fantasy was made plastic, wood and concrete, a theme park the size of Manchester called Disney World. Now it employs 40,000 people and attracts 25million visitors a year, more than the whole of Spain. It was conceived by Walt Disney himself as a utopian "Experimental Prototype Community Of Tomorrow". It is the last word in making mass fantasies real, a place where smoking, chewing gum and facial hair are outlawed (for the staff - or Cast Members - at least). A place where everyone

wears Mickey Mouse cars but still genuinely has a good time. A place where class distinctions are suppressed: even Princess Diana took Princes William and Harry there four years ago (although they did stay in the £1,000-a-night Grand Floridian Beach Resort Hotel).

It is a fantasy which exerts a strong grav-itational pull across the Atlantic, a powerful combination of cheap package flights. sunshine and child-led demand. But the whole point of Disney's experimental prototype is that it is not a community and you could not live there for long. For one thing. you would spend half your life queuing. And then outside Disney World, Florida is just like the rest of America, only hotter and with more old people. Dreaming of escaping there is like looking forward to retiring to the south coast of England only to find that all the B&Bs do social security claimants and the place is clogged with junkics.

Tracey Whalin is only the latest of millions to bave discovered that escaping to Florida cannot suspend the laws of incvitable disappointment. What makes her story so compelling is the contrast between the idea of disappearing in a "clean hreak" and the reality of being charged with assault on an underage boy. As summer begins in earnest, it is only human to dream of escape. But it is only real life to wake up in leg-irons.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Dangerous implications of the Dearing report

Sir: In the coverage of the Dearing report there has been a failure to assess its implications in anything other than financial terms. This is symptomatic of an era which could produce something like the Dearing report which assesses higher education as a matter of economics.

Quite simply, the report will mean the withering of liberal arts courses in the system as those students from low- and middle-income backgrounds who are hrave enough to take on the massive debts will feel obliged to take those subjects which seem to promise immediate employment upon graduation; accountancy, business studies, media studies etc.

Higher education colleges and the smaller universities will therefore cut the arts departments due to falling demand and the liberal arts will become the preserve of the older universities, which are rarely on the cutting edge of intellectual enquiry these days but which have prestige and accumulated resources, and those students who can afford to attend them and to devote three years of their lives to non-vocational courses.

The cultural implications for a nation which prices its "working class" out of the liberal arts are Dr JAMES H MILLS Department of History University of Edinburgh

Sir: Your leader ("Dearing: so much paper, so little inspiration", 24 July) describes a three-tier model of higher education, as if it were something imported from the US. Surely this is exactly what we had in this country, before the previous government turned all the

polytechnics into universities Sir Ron Dearing was left with the unenviable task of funding this hungry sector, without any honest means of raising the money. His solution, like the existing student loans scheme, is a con trick, the equivalent of the Chancellor roposing to increase income tax in 10 years' time to pay for current expenditure. That would be laughed out of the House of Commons, as should this proposal to fund education out of the future income of its beneficiaries.

It is the duty of each generation, collectively, to educate its children. To abdicate that responsibility, as we are doing, is tragically mean, selfish and short-sighted.
PHILTRORY Alcester, Warwickshire

Sir: It is ironic that you should use a picture of Julie Walters' student ig *Kula* to mak your point that "loans for fees would eave poorer students, like the character she plays, with larger debts than her better-off counterparts"
("Goodbye to all that: our free universities are history", 24 July). As an Open University student,

she would be classed as being ineligible for any mandatory grant under the present system, never mine the new. The best an Open University student can hope for is a discretionary grant from his or her local education authority. With tuition fees currently in the region of £350 pa (plus summer schools at around £200), and six full course passes needed for a degree, the Open University is in danger of becoming inaccessible to those on lower incomes who might best stand to better themselves by gaining qualifications there. STEVE BULL

Sir. One of the clearest parts of the Hippocratic Oalh guarantees free teaching to children of other doctors University tuition fees will bear particularly and unfairly heavily on medical students as they have a

longer course, and shorter vacations than other students. Dr ADRIAN MIDGLEY (Chairman BMA Division Lasi Devon and Exeler) **LOUISA MIDGLEY** (Sixth-former, potential medical student

English vote for devolution

Sir: Neil Lyndon's attack on the "Celtic Fringes" is quite absurd ("Let the English voice be heard", 23 July). I was born and brought up in Wales and never had any sense of being on the "fringe" of anything. It's this sort of English nationalism which has led to the increase in antionalism. to the increase in nationalism in Scotland and Wales.

We're not all nationalists; I support any policy which will decentralise power and make government more accountable to local people, that is why I think it is a shame that English regions are being denied the right to referendums on devolution. **ALUN PARSONS** Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

Sir. Your editorial on the devolution debate in Wales ("Yes or no, Wales is ready for the great debate", 24 July) was interesting, but hogely incorrect in ooe essential respect. You stated that there was widespread assent to Lord Tooypandy's proposition that the existing system of Welsh government works well and is trusted by the populace. This is palpably untrue.

Over the last 18 years of Conservative government, the majority of Welsh people have realised that the administrative system in Wales is demonstrably undemocratic. We have had four successive Conservative secretaries of state who were not Welsh, did not represent Weish consistencies and vere members of the minor political party in Wales. Despite this, they wielded unchallenged political power in a position that was likened by one of them to that of a Gauleiter. They ruled by the aid of undemocratic, unaccountable quangos and sent public money back to the Treasury because of an ideological opposition

to spending it here. There now exists in Wales a democratic deficit, and even those areas that were overwhelmingly hostile to devolution in 1979, such as south-east Wales, now have grassroots groups in support of devolution. A "yes" vote in

Sir. Lest there be any suspicion that

the far-sighted fellow whose husiness methods you described in Inday's

disabuse such doubts.

radical ideas.

front-page report (24 July) is merely a lone idealistic crackpot, let me

Ken Lewis has apparently handed

over the running of his metal-

working firm to the workers themselves, and its efficiency has

improved, staff morale is sky-high,

Well, they're not so radical. In

factories in Detroit and satellite towns in Michigan and Indiana where a subsidiary firm of GM, which is

1988, as a motoring journalist, I toured several General Motors

itself the higgest company in the

world, was conducting the same

and he is in clover, spending much of his time crusading on behalf of his

Happy workers discipline themselves

September is a vote for democracy and a vote against what was becoming an increasingly corrupt and nepotistic form of government. CERI JONES

Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan

Sir: Neil Lyndon correctly points out that England has not been given a democratic choice on the future of the UK. But the "voices of the Celtic fringes" are asking for a vote on their own future in the UK, not England's. If England wants to vote on the future of the UK let it vote on

England remaining within the UK, then it too has a voice in the shaping of relations with its neighbours. PADRAIC GAVIN Southall, Middlesex

Sir: Thank goodness for Neil Lyndon's sensible essay. If the inhabitants of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are to be giveo a choice about their relationship to the rest of the existing UK, we English must be given our referendum about continued membership of the UK

If the kingdom of Scotland, the principality of Wales, and the province of Northern Ireland wish to remain together, line. But let then do so without English subsidies. ERICTHOMPSON London NW2

Sir: New Labour seems to be resolutely Old Labour in its attitude to the voters of Wales. Why have they selected an electoral system which allows the voter hardly any influence over which of a party's candidates is elected? Could it be that they don't trust the voters to select suitably docile representatives?

They could instead have chosen STV, the same and logical system used to elect Northern Ireland's MEPs. STV is Liberal Democrat party policy. What are Liberal democrats in Wales and elsewhere going to do about it? SIMON GAZELEY

experiment as Mr Lewis, to the

satisfaction of the GM board. In my

report at the time I wrote: "We met

the workers at a remarkable factory

run by GM's Delco Remy Division, in

happy bunch, free from the shackles

of management supervision. They

disciplined themselves, punched no time clocks, organised their own

work schedules, took whatever lunch

reasonable, and depended utterly on

trust and peer-group pressure, to keep the factory running efficiently.

If a company the size of General Motors thinks such ideas are worth

trying, perhaps more UK firms will

respond favourably to Mr Lewis's successful initiative.

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Anderson, Indiana. They were a

LETTER from

eaders have complained northern side, is a well-known about "Golden Virginia" Ironside's article on the pleasures of taking up smoking again, even suggesting that tobacco companies must have sponsored her piece. (No. Professor Ian Oswald of Inner-leithen, not so.) Well, I'm sorry, I understand the anger, but if people cannot be irresponsible in The Independent from time to time, we are in a pretty pickle. We have intelligent, mostly highly educated readers. You all know the anti-smoking case. You know it kills. This is repeated directly and by implication in story after story, and in features; and has been, in virtually every medium, for years. Having once been a heavy smoker myself, I loathe smoking. But people are strange and do perverse things. Think of the dangerous and often hilarious things people get up to in pursuit of sexual fulfilment. A proper paper mirrors life: it isn't an organ of socia propaganda. And anyway, the protests are strangely dispro-portionate. Why is it that when someone admits to taking ecstasy, smoking dope or engaging in serial adultery, no one writes in to complain, but 1 get a postbag, heaving with anger, about this single, per-sonal and idiosyncratic piece on smoking?

Many people are writing in already about devolution, or Home Rule. We will hear a lot on the subject in the months abead. But I find myself harping on the trivia - like where will the new Scottish parliament actually be? It was meant to go in the Edinburgh Royal High School building, a fine piece of Greek temple fakery chosen in the Seventies and kitted out with a chamber, microphones, committee rooms and so on. Since the failure of the 1979 referendum it has been little used. But now, apparently, "security issues" make the converted school a problem. You may scoff; but this worry shows that someone in government has an acute knowledge of Scottish

For the High School was indeed targeted by terrorists. Luckily, however, they were hilariously incompetent ones. Calton Hill, which overlooks the would-be parliament on its

gay meeting point. This had not been appreciated by the stour class warriors of the Army of the Scottish People, who drove through from Glasgow in June 1980 intending (for obscure reasons) to bomh the building. They parked their Ford Cortina on the hillside and waited to carry the bomb into position. Then the ASP militants noticed that men kept hovering round the car. One "amorous homosexual" in particular kept knocking on the window and smiling invitingly. Eventually they panicked and drove back to Glasgow. They all went back to ooe flat, and left the bomb io the kitchen. It went off. Dazed and dejected, they were then arrested.

I loathe smoking. But people do perverse things. Think of the dangerous and often hilarious things people get up to in pursuit of sexual fulfilment

Nevertheless, it is no doubt important that this sort of thing be avoided if the Scottish parliament really is opened in a couple of years' time. But wherever it is, to be a proper parliamentary building this one will need statues outside. There must be one of John Smith, the former Labour leader and passionate devolutionist. There should certainly be one of Fletcher of Saltoun, the anti-Union leader of the Patriotic Party in the last Sconish parliament and one of the first people in these islands to make the case for British federalism - he wanted regional economic capitals to balance the power of London. But since one of the higgest threats to any new parliament is its own self-importance, there must also be a statue raised of Tam Dalyell, Labour's most passionate antidevolutionist, shaking a great granite fist at the whole affair.

Andrew Marr

et on a low-flying exercise over the borders of Scotland

Sir: Polly Toynbee is to be congratulated for pressing on with her questioning of the Defence Review remit and structure ("A Boy Scout motto: prepared for what?", 14

July). We live near an RAF training base where activity was suddenly intensified as a result of Options for Change closure of other bases. After a year and a half of trying to elicit straightforward information from the

Tourism in rural Britain blighted by noisy Hawk jets MoD many of our questions are still unanswered. We have even been chided for our failure to "support the

armed forces".

Now we learn that the noise which invades our home and hlights the creation of leisure and tourist jobs in the area (circuit night flying till past 3am every six weeks in summer) is contributed to by foreign student pilots from the Arab Emirates being trained by our own RAF training

division, itself now partially privatised. But just how far do

complicated defence sales transactions go? Do we also hlight rural Britain with the training coise of pilots from countries purchasing the Hawk, for instance? Where doe legitimate defence of the realm end and the interests of the private arms industry begin? CLARÉ BROOKS

Smokers develop diabetes

Sir: I'm afraid that Virginia Ironside ("There's no smoke without pleasure", 24 July) has been misinfirmed. Far from reducing the risk of developing diahetes, recent research indicates that smokers are more than three times more likely than non-smokers to develop the condition. SUZANNE LUCAS Director of Care
British Diabetic Association London WI

Children can cope with real life

JOHN LILLEY

Richmond, Surrey

Sir: It may be true that life is more difficult for young people these days: an ordinary" life has never seemed both less attractive and more difficult to

attain for most people ("Eighteen is a dangerous age", 25 July).

Parents feel obliged 10 give their children a racing start in early life and support their grown-up children in ways unimaginable only decades ago. However, growing up has never been a la-la land fantasy and if you treat young people as if they can't cope with (or discover) real life, chances are they may never do so. JANE PETERS London SE5

QUOTE UNQUOTE

The first girl spoke on My Little Pony. The second boy on What I Did During the Holidays, and William spoke on Reform of the House of Lords – Stella Hague, mother of the Leader of the Opposition, on her son's first public speaking contest as a child Part of being American is to feel that you deserve more than you

have - Andrew Hacker, professor of political science at New York's Queen's College, author of Money: Who Has How Much And Why The overall impression from the British and Germans is that they love France itself, but would rather the French didn't live there Paris Chamber of Commerce, which questioned 800 foreign vistors for a tourist promotion campaign

One of the things about being my father's son is that it feels like I was born in 1922 and published my first book in 1954 - Martin Amis, novelist and son of Kingsley Amis

The worst thing is the empty days and not knowing when they are going to stop - James Couchman, on his plight as a defeated

I just see Diana as a very conservative woman. She just wants to be this charity nun - Vivienne Westwood, fashion designer I never wanted recognition for my penis work. I got into the business to do nose jobs, but found myself being sidetracked - Dr Surasak Muangsombut, penis 'replantation' surgeon in Thailand, where there has been an epidemic of women taking gruesome revenge on errant husbands

Cricket, clowns and chewing-gum

Sir: Here are a couple of critical reflections of an old man after viewing the Test cricket on televisinn:

The facial cream of the cricketers, making them resemble clowns in a circus. Is there no invisible ointment available to do the jnb?

The vigorous and incessant chewing of gum by both captains. I am glad that my memory of JB Hobbs and Don Bradman does not include this. MICHAEL STEELE Princes Risborough Buckinghamshire

India: a rich source of English words

Sir: It is good to know that not only are Indian writers entertaining the world with their English novels but India, some 50 years after independence, remains a major source of new words for the Oxford English Dictionary (William

Hartston's analysis: "My word, what does it all mean", 24 July).
May I suggest another Indian
English word for the OED. It has become an integral part of Indian English and it is used daily by some millions of Indians who can speak English. The word is prepone.

On my recent visit to Delhi, I was handed a note by my client's driver who met me at the airport. The note stated that my meeting with my client

had been preponed. I immediately understood that the meeting was being brought forward lo an earlier date (or time). The word prepone is being used

as the opposite of postpone and I think it is high time it is acknowledged by the OED and other lexicographers. M RIAZ HASAN

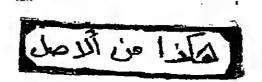
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commemorate their dead, but later generations passed over the subject in silence. Now, however, we are developing new rituals for a secular society, says Glenda Cooper

The Victorians

knew how to

The British way of death

Is an an like everything else

o said the poet Sylvia Plath. But theo she was ao Americao. Death has not been the forte of the British since the 19th-century cult of mourning passed out of

Gianni Versace's relatives knew exactly how to com-memorate his life as befitted the flamboyant Italian - with a memorial service soon after his murder which was packed with stars - Diana, Princess of Wales. Elton John, Naomi Campbell. In comparison, the half-English Sir James Goldsmith slipped quietly into Spain for his tax-efficient dying. It is said that you can tell a

lot about a society by the way is members treat their dead. In the 1960s, Jessica Mitford satirised the American funeral ican Way of Death, criticising undertakers who charged vast amounts and ridiculing the custom of prettifying corpses.

In comparison the British Way of Death has been caricatured as a society which cannot cope with dying. We are seen as a community that has left the

trappings of the Victorian era hehind - the widow's weeds, the mourning rings, the great plumed horses, the weeping carved angels in cemeteries while still unsure how to commemorate our dead.

It was easier wheo the Church dealt with everything and the act of dying was only a short stop on the way to eternal life. You crippled yourself with weighty insurance to ensure a good send-off and escape the indignity of a pauper's grave, and were secure in the knowledge that beaven or hell awaited you. Meanwhile your surviving family would mourn for years: your gravestone would be huge, and the list of your virtues carved on it long and impressive.

But sweep away the common miscooception that we are a society that cannot mention the "D" word - we are increasingly fascinated by death and are busy developing Like Sylvia Plath, we do it exceptionally well.

While Versace's relatives may have gone for a traditional church service, here in Britain, Pat Lewis from Derbyshire bad ber husband's coffin painted with blue sky and clouds and used their VW Caravelle instead

of a bearse. Liz Daniels buried her daughter Rosie in a woodland plot so that ber daughter could be near her. "We wanted her close by somewhere she would want to be," she said. "It was a beautiful day and all who were there will never forget the beauty of death.

And for £400 Julian Wedgwood will bury you and your pet under an oak tree based in North Devoo in the first cemetery for pets and people. Usually, bowever, we don't bury people these days. Cremations are the oorm, because of pressure on burial space. One aspect of the new cult

of death can be seen in the ritual of leaving wrapped-up flowers at the scene of a violent death. This practice started in the mid-80s as a local custom here and there, but what really accelerated it was Hillsbor-ough in 1989. More than a million people visited the football ground in a week to leave flowpractice bas become a symbol of the way the community commemorates death to such an exteot that this week a group of Nat West staff left flowers to someone who died in a traffic accident outside one of their Bath branches, although they did not know the person

involved and the accident was nothing to do with the bank.

Another new ritual can be found in the books of condoleoces that are commooly opened after deaths, such as that of Bernadette Martin, the Catholic girl who was murdered for having a Protestant hoyfriend days before the announcement of the new ceasefire in Northern Ireland.

Some close-knit communities around Britain Jealously cling to their old rites. In the South Wales mining communities and in the Hebrides, women still do not attend the final burial of the deceased. And while it is quite acceptable in Northern Irish funerals for photographs to be taken, in England it is frowned upon as an invasion of privacy.

As with everything in Britain, class plays its part in how your send-off is organised. "While the middle class led the way in giving up the Victorian way of two or three generations longer to give it up. It probably has only really gone this genera-tion," says Dr Tony Walter, a sociologist and council member of the National Fuoeral College. "It can still cause a lot of unset though, because people have such different perceptions. Say if you have a marriage - one person from Northem Ireland and one from Keot, one middle-class, one working

class. And say a child dies: they

will have completely different notions of how to deal with the whole thing."

And increased longevity has brought its own challenges. We doo't attend as many funerals when we are young because people have longer lifespans in fact it's possible to go through most of your life only going to one or two funerals, those of your parents. Consequently, we are no longer sure what is the "right" thing to do, while resenting the "stripped

down" attitude of funerals

have a heart attack and then live under the shadow of beart problems for several years. With Aids the experience is similar. As a result, we have more time to plan bow our lives should be commemorated. And most of our plans will-be realisable as there is practi-

you could drop dead suddenly

of an infectious disease, the big

killers now are coronary heart

disease and cancer. People

cally nothing your mourners can do that is illegal. "Death used to be seen as the one thing

We search for ways to celebrate an individual's unique contribution?

bereft of religious significance. This leads to our increasingly searching for ways to celebrate an individual's unique contribution to life, says Lindesay Irvine of the Natural Death e, a 1.0 ity that gives information about alternative funerals. "Our attitudes to all rites of passage are altering, but nowbere is this more marked than the rites of passage connected with death. They are becoming more individualised. People don't quite see that the old traditions have

to be observed." The way we die has also changed. We have a lot more warning about our impending doom. Whereas 100 years ago. in life you can't control and so people wouldn't think about says Mary Stuart, of the National Association of Funeral Directors. "That is why there are actually very few laws concerning what to do when someone dies."

So if you wanted to bury someone without a coffin, or if you wish to dance in the crematorium there is nothing but a sense of what's appropriate to stop you. Even if the bereaved don't

want to do anything particu-larly outre for their dead relative, they still may attempt to make the service individual through the music. Although

the 23rd Psalm and Abide with . Me remain perennially popular, many choose to play the deceased's favourite soogs instead. So your loved one's life can be marked by a Spice Girls song, a Paul Simoo number or Bach cantata. Although truly "alternative" funerals still remain a small part

of the market, they are growing fast. The Natural Death Centre's promotioo of green burials has mushroomed. In 1993 there was one woodland burial site; oow there are 58. Earlier this year the NDC organised its fifth annual Day of the Dead. which gives awards for things like Best Funeral Shop (won this year by Britain's first designer death bontique. Heaven on Earth, in Bristol which designs multi-function coffins) and Best Woodland

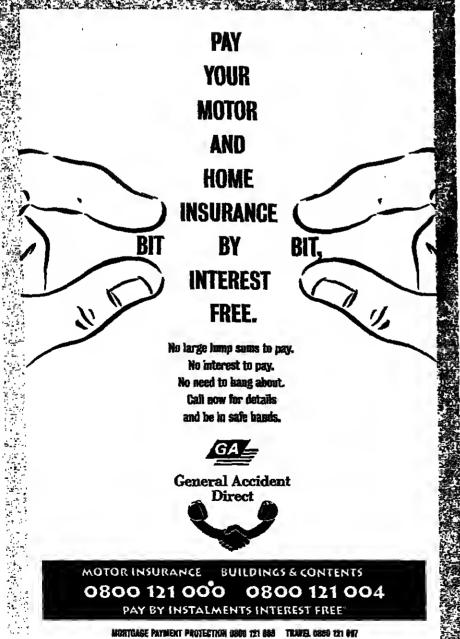
Burial Ground (won by Greenbaven Woodland Burial Ground near Rugby with their offer of a budget package: body board coffin and tree for £490). It might sound grisly but two years ago the Corporation of London opened all of the 200-

acre London Cemetery and Crematorium, billing it as a "unique day" to "dispel the misconceptions surrounding funerals". Visitors to Europe's largest working cemetery could have a coach ride round the site, opened in 1856, to see the graves of Dame Anna Neagle and two of Jack the Ripper's

victims. Ecological companies advertised their cardboard coffins, while memorial masons and funeral directors explaining the merits of pre-paid funerals and crematorium technicians were on hand to explain why it is impossible to get the wrong ashes. More than 5,000 people turned up for what is oow an

annual event. Our fascination with death is set to cootinue, with other outlets for grief being explored. There is now a supermarketstyle funeral parlour in Catford, south London called The Funeral Centre where ooe can go shopping for one's favourite casket. There are now over 50 pet crematoriums and cemeteries in Britain - with marble gravestones, crematioos. coffins, spiritual guidance and professional counselling widely available to help ease the pain of pet loss. And the Internet provides locations such as Virtual Heaven where surfers can for their dearly departed.

For those who feel all this might be getting a bit much, we have still a long way to go before our cult of death reaches that of some former civilisations. Jessica Mitford, given a tour of the Museum of Embalming in Texas, came to the section devoted to ancieot Egypt and exclaimed: "Now, there was a society that let the fuoeral directors get completely out of control.



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Last week, I went to a wedding at a country bone. The whole shebang was stunning (if abnormally quiet for me because, for coce, I arrived with a gorgeous hunk: oo more single girl's hid-den agenda for me). Inside the stately manse, I plunked

my champagne flute on a marble-topped table and was surprised to see it was anointed in plastic wrap. All the antiques in the main hall had bad their flat surfaces neatly covered. This puzzled me. Antiques always carry marks of banged his bead after his 14th mug of grog, etc - so why are we not allowed to cootribute to the furniture's history? Are we oot human?

A possible explanation came from recollections of my Auntie Anne's house on the south side of Chicago. Her, living-room davenport (sofa to you) was always covered in protective, seethrough plastic. It was the kind of davenport that, if you sat down oo it - especially in the summer, when wearing shorts - you'd rip a skin graft from your thighs as you stood up. We used to poke fun at Auntic Anne, with her bermetically scaled sofa and her velvet paintings of nude female toreadors.

But here, in this ancient home, echoes of Anne filled up my senses. Was she saving her sofa for future generations? Perhaps in 2060, people will refer to it

ou British! Is it typically upper class to cover antiques with cling film? I've got to figure this out.

as a perfectly preserved piece of Chicago style? Nah.

There's another connection between Auntie Anne (who was a switchboard operator) and the affable Duke of Earl Style, darling. The upper class and the working class are the only two social groups with real style - which translates into not giving two hoots what other people think. At the ends of the social spectrum, they need to impress no one they feel, as the French say, bien dans

leur peau.
That's why "eccentric" and "nuts" are almost synonymous. Each means: "If you doo't like it, lump it." The difference lies in that "ecceptrics" have money - if not land and social position - while those who are just plain "nuts" seem equally cootent without a ticket to the Royal Enclosure.

The middle class, Britain's nether children of style, are uneasy creatures. Too insecure for style, they are doomed to good taste. But good taste - that which offends the least, most of the time isn't about personal preference; it's to gain the approval of other people. Whoever said "Hell is other people" got it down in one.

It's all just too damned sad. No wooder everyone loves a lnrd. The rest of us middlings are so busy worrying about what's in - Nobody wears chunky beets any mure! We lorget to book at MoMo! - that we are just too tired to put down plastic for posterity. If that isn't neurosis, I don't know what is.

Of course, the fact that I had to ask about that cling film proves that I am middle class. Theo again, as an American, I can be nothing else. What's your

et's talk about money. How much Lidoes it cost to be trendy and have fun? Well, in New York, not much. The latest craze there is to wear gold stretchy strings - the kind you get on gift boxes - as bracelets. The American woman who told me this giggled, "Cheap chic is so fun.

I dug out a gold string from the junk drawer. Who needs to buy a pair of JP Todds at 170 clams a pop? I put on the string and it looked ... like a cheap, scratchy, nasty little gold string. Did I

feel young, fun and trendy? No.
I was wearing a fashion statement which said, in an over-loud American voice, "Due to a momentary synapse failing, I am wearing what I should have closed the garbage with." The garbage bag would have looked better. Of course it would have. It cost more.

Unlike trendiness, fun is priceless. And no matter how hard you try - in fact, diametrically opposed to how hard you try - it cannot be bought. Not eveo by Howard Hughes, who supposedly asked the Beverly Hills Hotel staff to hide beef sandwiches in the palm trees. It cost a lot to get those sandwiches up there, but the fun be had getting them

down was, essentially, free. Then again, be was crazy, and crazy

people can have fun with things like that.

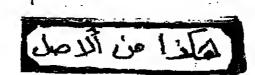
String, even. Fun is not indexed-linked to mooey. Here's a case in point. I was invited, at the last minute, to a swanky party in the country. I liked the hostess but the feeling wasn't palpably motual. My partner was everyone's best friend. I'd been here before. I thought, I will be seated between two jackals with halitosis who do the "Wasn't Muffy great at tennis last Tuesday?" sort of thing. My blood ran

The venue was faultiess - a brilliant white marquee, ice sculptures aod mounds of comestibles. In the full moon, I saw no one I knew. Past a strange white statue at the foot of the pool. I found my place and sat down. Even in paradise, I am ... nervous.

"I've read you," said the young man to my right, "Not my style, but it's fun."

My God, he spoke. And his first
words weren't, "What's your name
again?" How easily was the curse of the Unknown Sit-Down Dinner Guest broken. If he hadn't takeo an interest, no number of lawn braziers or fez-topped waiters could have stirred me.

The party's fun quotient had nothing to do with how much the bostess spent on sausages. Let's face it, fun is when someone takes an interest in somebody. Or something. Or, io the case of the strange pool statue - which turned out to be a real woman slathered in white both. Maybe I shouldn't have offered ber a smoke, but, bell, it was fun.



it's good to squawk

people might be alarmett that middle-aged men go out at night and talk to orole but let me confess

ou must have heard the story. Every evening for a year, computer programmer Neil Symmons would go down to the end of his garden in
Stokemteignhead, Devon,
and call to the owls. And the
owls would call back. So intense and varied did these crepuscular exchanges become that Mr Symmons an owl breeder by hohby began to nurture hopes of finally discovering the hidden language of owls. "Hoo-hoo-hoo," hooted Mr Symmons. "Whoo-hoo-whoo," replied

As it happens, at exactly the same time, Fred Cornes, a retired company director, was enjoying a very similar (though slightly more passive) twilight conversation with the owl at the bottom of his own garden. "Hoo-hoo-hoo," went the owl. Whoo-hoo-whoo," Mr Cornes would respond.

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For any two men to be spending exactly the same evenings thus engaged may be considered mildly coincidental. What lifts this tale beyond the normal, however, is that Mr Cornes is also a resident of tiny Stokeinteignhead. Indeed, his garden in fact abuts on to that of Mr Symmons. And the obvious explanation of their shared experience would surely be that the one unaware of events next door had been communing with the very same garrulous bird who had been so entertaining the

Unfortunately this one owl/two men explanation was exploded by a chance conversation between their two wives, who met each. other in the driveway and began to chat. One recounted how her lovable, but eccentric, spouse liked to hoot in the garden before bed. The other reciprocated with tales of how her own old feller liked nothing better than a nice alfresco squawk before turning in. The two women looked at each other; the men were called, the case put to them - and each recorded an example of his owl-speak. In the end they were left, inescapably but embarrassingly, with the two men/no owl theory. This will have been particularly galling for Mr Symmons who, as an expert, will have known that

some of his calls were - what shall we say? - hoots of avian desire. And (in owi terms) Mr

Cornes is probably no beauty.

Embarrassment aside, there are - I think - a number of interesting questions that arise from the adventures of the owl-callers of Devon. In the first place, some people may be alarmed that respectable middle-aged men go out at night and talk to the birds. But let me confess that it does not surprise me, for I too suffer an inexplicable compulsion to talk to animals. On my rambles I moo at cows, baa at sheep (changing the timbre of hleat according to the age and sex of animal: high and broken for lambs, deeper for rams), bark at dogs, whistle at budgerigars and, when no one is looking, squeak at mice. I do this because I am a man, and men must try to communicate - even with

state of experimentation. The next question concerns neighbourliness. It took more than 12 months for two sets. of neighbours - hamlet dwellers, not denizens of city rookeries - to fall into conversation with each other, so that the true hoots might be discovered. This suggests that connection with those who live on our borders is not a priority in modern Britain.

animals. We live in a perpetual

Three, when such conversation does begin it is invariably the women who begin it. Their husbands perfectly happy to spend night after night hooting speculatively at strange, unseen birds of prey - will limit their discourse to an occasional half-wave, partsmile and semi-greeting. Could this be our old friend, the feminine social gene, at

work? And four. When, eventually, the women do speak to each other, it is to exchange stories concerning the odd and unaccountable habits of their husbands. Had Mrs Cornes and Mrs . Symmons spoken about anything else, then the story

would never have emerged. Finally, and most poignantly of all, one suspects that Fred and Neil have not become bosom pals, and that - in the end - they had far more to say to each other as owls than they did as men.

The tribe that finally hit the jackpot

by David Spanier

again. Today the Mohicans, reborn, have found a new

Instead of tracking wolves in the greenwoods of Connecti-cut, the braves are scalping the palefaces across the green baize – to the tune of \$100m profit a year. It is a success story as unexpected as it is

"Before the night has come, have I lived to see the last warrior of the wise race of the Mohicans," lamented James Fenimore Cooper in his stir-ring story of 1826. This fine phrase, which passed into modern folklore, no longer holds true.

Before the night has come, a thousand twinkling lights will be gleaming around the dome of the tribe's hi-tech casino. They shine down on thousands of tense, eager faces along the rows of slot machines and blackjack tables.

For the Mokegans (modern spelling) are alive and well and running their own casino. The Mohegan Sun, huzzing with excited gamhlers, old and young, is only two hours 20 minutes' drive from New York. It is attracting between 20,000 and 25,000 visitors a day and expanding fast.
In its first year of operation

since opening last October, the casino's gross revenue is likely to reach \$350m (estimates vary). "That yields a 30 per cent profit, but we hope to raise the figure to 32 per cent or 33 per cent next year," says executive vice president Bill Velardo, Financial backing has come from a surprising source, Sol Kerzner, creator of Sun City in South Africa.

Kerzner, now out of Sonth Africa, is a controversial figure. "All work and a lot of play makes money," is his motto. His group runs several tropical resorts, notably Paradise Island in the Bahamas, which was for years a dead end. His aim is to "blow away the customer" - dazzle him with entertainment value.

On the strength of a handshake with the tribal leader, a partnership called Trading Cove Associates was set up to develop and manage the casino, and Kerzner put his "can do" policy into high gear. He helped the tribe float a \$175m bond on Wall Street, and provided £90m in investment and \$40 in equipment financing. The Mobegan Sun was up and running within a year of construction.

In return, Sun International Hotels receives a 40 per cent share of the profits over the next seven years. This might seem a large chunk, but the tribal leadership is content. "If



Instead of tracking wolves in the greenwoods of Connecticut, the braves are scalping palefaces across the green baize to the tune of \$100m profit a year

means we are making a billion," says tribal chairman, Roland Harris.

Kerzner was finally granted a gaming licence in Connecticut in July 1996. The casino opened three months later.

A huge white dome, like a gigantic flying saucer, the building was formerly a factory for nuclear reactor components. Hidden below the main highway, the casino sits astride the reservation in a green valley overlooking the Thames river. It is big - 600,000 square feet with 2,700 slot machines and 180 gaming tables.

Built to a circular (wigwam) design, the casino has a woodsy, outdoors feel they're getting \$400m, that about it, thanks to decorative face invaders. Top manage-

floor is divided into four sections portraying spring, summer, autumn and winter, highlighting seasonal

changes in Mohegan life. The whole structure, in the architect David Rockwell's formula, strives to combine nature with theatricality. One aspect of this is slotmachine games with names such as Cash Canoe and Mohegan Money Tree.

How does the remnant of a small tribe, long languishing in the hackwoods of Connecticut, set about operating a modern casino? Answer: by joining forces with the pale-

use of timher and water and ment has been hired from the Indian motifs. The gambling American gaming industry. Their rivalry goes hack a long way. The early Mohi-

As often happens with eco- cans, known as the wolf peonomie success, some opposition has been aroused. But the strength of feeling is less in the local community - the 5,000 full-time jobs in the enterprise were applied for many times over - than among the Mohegans' native American rivals, the Mashantucket Pequot. Ten miles down the road in the greenwoods lies the reservation of the Pequot tribe, the fox people. Foxwoods has established itself as the higgest and most profitable casino resort in the United States. Relations hetween the two tribes, in diplomatic parlance, are correct rather than cordial.

of its mouth and it would swallow all the Indians up."

Around 1635, in the quarrel hetween the tribes over whether to resist or placate the European invaders, the Mohicans and the Pequots split. Uncas, leader of the Mohicans, sought to co-operate with the colonists and managed to preserve a measure of indepen-dence for his own people. The

Pequots were massacred.

Now their tribal rivalry is being played out in a new form, in casino gambling. Fox-woods has proved such a gigantic success that it is out-performing even the glitzy palaces of Las Vegas. In comparison, the Mohegan Sun is a mere cuh. "We think the two properties will support each other, says Velardo. "There is room for both of us to grow."

It is odd to find two such glittery money-making enterprises almost side by side, dividing the same rural patch of south-eastern Connecticut. Their success is founded on n simple fact of geography: 22 million people live within a radius of 150 miles.

Where do the Mohegans go from here? A mile outside the casino, on a little hill, stands the tribal museum. This is no more than a wooden hut but an extraordinary place, not least for the presence of Gladys Tantaquideon, a sprightly 98-year-old. She is described as the tribe's medicine woman, a living repository of wisdom and tradition. She greets visitors to the museum, which is a jumble of mementoes, documents, old photos, feathers, tomahawks, utensils and many other curiosities, every day.

"This is home," says Jane Fawcett, simply hut with great feeling. As vice-chairman of the tribal council, she has lived in the house next door all her life. She is far more involved with the culture of the Mohegans than the operation of the casino, though it is the latter that funds the health, education and welfare of her people.

Gladys Tantaquideon knows how to make a cordial from forest herbs and is wise in many precepts of nature, such as that when dogwoods blooms it is time to fish for shad. But her importance to the tribe is far greater than merely recalling folklore. Her collection of documents and records, including hundreds of postcards from Mohegan people, played a decisive role in establishing the continuity of the tribe, in securing federal recognition in

The Mohicans are here to

The real revolution is in London

think for a moment above the skirl of triumphalist bagpipes, let us speculate. In 50 years' time, will the publication of the proposals for devolution of power to Scotmoment that our democracy was transformed?

I would lay odds now that it won't. The moment of genuine transformation will come, not with the inauguration of Scotland's first minister, but with the election of London's mayor. Both will purport to modernise our democracy, but while one offers an ethnic variant of politics as we know it, the other could, with care and vision, take us into the politi-

This is not an attempt to rain on Scotland's parade. Devolution will undoubtedly bring some political powers closer to the Scottish people. The fact that the voices debating their education, health, environment and so forth will do so in Scotrish accents will make everyone feel better.

However, it would be utterly naive to suppose that this will fundamentally change politics in the UK. Both the antidevolution bysteria and the pro-devolution euphoria are misplaced. The Scottish parliament will have the right to vary taxes, but it will not, in the end, be able to override the strictures of the UK chancellor. For example, Mr Brown



Trevor Phillips

Forget devolution the capital has 5 million voters, more than in all of Scotland and Wales. And soon

they'll have

could decide that public spending north of the Border should be cut by as much as any revenne raised by the parliament, leaving the Scottish first minister's purse strings firmly in the grip of the Treasury. Certain kinds of laws - abortion rights, for example - will be the prerogative of the UK parliament, and the Scots will not be able to override them. This may cause some irritation in Edinhurgh, but most Scots know that they, and we, are better off together than apart. In fact, unless there are provisions not yet announced, there is little likelihood of a Scottish

What is perhaps more disappointing - or reassuring, if you're a Scottish Tory - is that the parliament will either reflect or reinforce the worst features of its Westminster parent. Seventy-nine SMPs, as they are to be called, will be elected by the first-past-the-post system; the rest will be appointed by the political parties in proportion to their elec-

The result will be to put the entire process into the hands of the political machines, particularly the Labour machine. In essence. Scotland will become a one-party semi-state. It feels like a missed opportunity; the Scots will get a shiny new political box, and will open it to find a new mayor politics as usual. What is proposed for Lon-

don, on the other hand, feels

like politics as never before. the election of their leader, we Steve Norris working together We know that the Green Paper know that had the members to make London better? We know that the Green Paper out this week will offer the capital a mayor elected by London's 5 million voters (more, by the way, than in Scotland and Wales together). The mayor and the assembly in London won't have half of Edinburgh's formal powers. However, they will have a kind of legitimacy. unprecedented in British

In 1,000 years we have never been asked to elect anyone to do anything - they've merely had to go somewhere and to speak on our behalf. The British method has always been to elect a group of representatives who then collectively, and without our further participation, appoint a leader, or an executive, or a prime The distinction may seem

academic. But remember: one of the reasons the Tories were able to get rid of the GLC in the first place was precisely because the voters of London had voted for Labour repre-sentatives in their constituencies, assuming that those representatives would then appoint the "moderate" Andrew Mcintosh as their leader, and effective boss of London. Instead, they got Ken Livingstone. It may be that Londoners grew to love Ken-

but he was not their choice.

Similar criticism could be

levelled at Tory MPs' decision

been different. If we can ignore the noise of self-selected contenders preparing for battle (one of them has already hired his campaign manager), we can see that the mayor of London will be a new

know that had the members voted, the result would have

kind of political creature for Britain. He or she will be the first person in British history elected to carry out an executive task and to wield power. The mayor will probably belong to a political party, but he or she will not have to answer to a party caucus for their actions - an advantage not shared even by the Prime Minister. If reinforced by a system of election such as alternative voting, which allows voters to mark their first, second and third preferences, we may see a political leader unshackled from the cage of

In short, the mayor's first loyalty can be to the city rather than to his political mates. That, in turn, may well produce a new openness and flexibility within the political parties themselves: if the chief can dissent, why not the Indians? At its extreme, might there not be places in the government of the world's greatest city for people of more than one party and of none? Is there some natural force other than the whispering of personal ego

that prevents Tony Banks and

party discipline.

Of course, there's another partner in the proposed set-up. The assembly is meant to act as a check on the mayor's power. That is reasonable in principle, but the details are important. Handled wrongly, the assembly could become a scaled-down home for sad leftovers from the GLC era, eternally carping. suspicious and grimly striving to restrain the power of an adventurous and popular

That is what will happen if its members are elected on the same old borough boundaries, using a first-past-the-post sys-tem. Each member of the assembly will come bearing the shopping list of his or her local area, and politics will be reduced to horse-trading between villages. On the other hand, were there to be a system of proportional representation whereby each party got a number of seats allocated according to the number of votes, we could end up with a chamber full of party placemen.

The answer may lie in between; if London can't come up with a creative solution. whole enterprise isn't worth the candle. If, however, we make the right choice for the capital, the year 2000 could see the emergence of a political culture in London that is as exciting as its artistic output. And within months it will spread across our land.



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and shellfish along the coast, became known as "invaders"

to other tribes. But the Eng-

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with wings - "when it spoke it

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William J. Brennan

William J. Brennan was one of the great justices io the history of the United States Supreme Court. Appointed in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower, he was the most influential member of Farl Warren's court which, by its decisions in the 1950s and 1960s, transformed the oation.

The origins of this period of judicial activism went back to the 1930s, when Brennan was still practising law in his native New Jersey. Facing the crisis of the great depression, when one American in four was unemployed. Congress passed emergency legislation which the conservative Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional. Though Congress rejected President Franklin Roosevelt's attempt to reform the Court, the conservative justices enabled Roosevelt to appoint liberal

These justices, like Hugo Black, Fclix Frankfurter and William 0. Douglas, were the core of the Court when Eisenhower appointed Earl Warreo and Brennan himself in the 1950s. Eisenhower came to regard the appointments as among his worst mistakes, but Brennan had given public warning of his views.

He had defended the rights of criminal defendants in

New Jersey, attacked President Truman's use of loyalty oaths and compared the excesses of Senator Joe McCarthy to the Salem witch trials. McCarthy cast the lone dissenting vote when the Senate coofirmed Brennan's appointment.

He was born in 1906, the second of eight children, to a father who was a coal shoveller in a local brewery before becoming a prominent labour leader and municipal reformer. William, who graduated near the top of his class at Harvard Law School, believed the Court should give the Constitution a hroad construction promoting

individual liberty and equality. The stage was thus set for the most astonishing period of ju-dicial activism in American history. Eisenhower was a passive death of its older and more president. Congress, riven by conservative/liberal and many other factions, was unable to act. Yet the times demanded action, and the Court moved to provide it.

The field demanding action most urgently was civil rights. and it was here, in Brown v Board of Education (1954), that the Court overturned centuries of racial segregation and began a generation of hlack struggle by declaring segregated schools unconstitutiooal.

Southern resistance was

Hughes had said in the 1930s, "but the Constitution is what the Supreme Court says it is". This essentially conservative doctrine was now used by liberals to justify reform. But perhaps liberal and conservative ideology is the wrong way to look at the problem. Brennan believed

the Constitution embodied "a sparkling vision of the supremacy of the human dignity of every individual" and that its "genius rests not in any static meaning it might have had in a world dead and gone, but in the adaptability of its great principles to cope with current problems and current needs."

This doctrine of the flexible Constitution ran through all the Court's momeotous decisions Brennan played such a decisive

part in shaping. Brennan also helped tackle the problem of enforcement. Despite his junior rank, he wrote the forceful majority opinion in Cooper v Aaron (1958) which restated the doctrine of federal judicial supremacy to overturn the South's "massive resistance" to desegregation orders.

From now on his position became pivotal. His superb per-sonal, tactical and intellectual abilities made him the ideal "coalition huilder" on the Court. Chief Justice Warren widespread. "We are under a said of Brennan that, "Friendspeeches in his home state of Constitution," Chief Justice ly and buoyant in spirit, a prodi-

gious worker and a master craftsman, he is a unifying influence on the beach and in the conference room." He became Warren's closest colleague and the two met weekly before court conferences to discuss cases and plan strategy.

His majority opinion in Bak-er v Carr (1962) was most significant. It went to the heart of conservative resistance to change. For generations, rural areas had been greatly over-repesented in Congress. It took far more urban than rural votes to send one Congressman to Washington, Moreover, since Democrats monopolised Southern politics, their seniority gave them control of crucial Congressional committees.

The reapportionment revolution Brennan began changed all that in the 1960s and 1970s by enforcing the rule of "one man one vote". Warren later de-scribed the decision as the most important of his tenure. . But Brennan was equally

concerned with the rights of

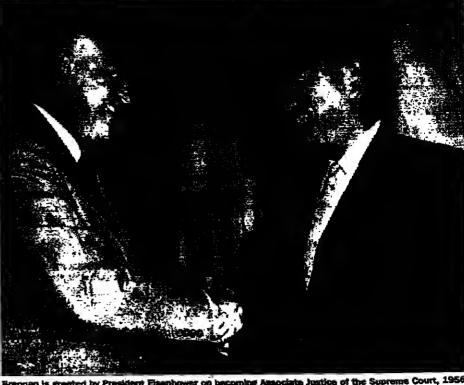
women. His theory of an evolving Constitution underpinned his efforts to curb government attempts to curb individual "privacy" - a word oowhere mentioned in the Constitution. By such reasoning in Einstadt v Baird (1972), he struck down a state law making it a crime to sell contraceptives to unmarried

The culmination of his thinking came the following year in his epoch-making opinion in Roe v Wade, which legalised abortion. Finally, in Cruig v Boren (1976) he became the Court's most vocal advocate of gender equality, openly supporting the proposed Equal Rights Amendment

Justice Brennan played a similarly forceful role in such fields as affirmative action to end racial discrimination, expansion of habeas corpus and other judicial remedies for denial of liberty, freedom of speech and the acceptance of welfare rights as "property" hallowed by the law.

Placed so squarely at the centre of the Warren Court. Brennan was the justice least likely to dissent. When he did, be attacked the barbarity of the death penalty, its arbitrary nature, and its disproportionate use against minorities, youth and the retarded, to such effect that he almost succeeed, in the 1970s, in converting the Court to his view that capital punishment was "a cruel and unusual punishment" prohibited by the Constitution

But by then the nation's mood was changing. Liberalism was being replaced by a new conservatism, personified in William Rehnquist's apppointmeot as chief justice. The Constitution was being re- epitomised that unrestrained



interpreted again in light of federal judiciary that arrogated changing times, but right to the end Brennan fought his corner. In 1990 - the year he retired from the Court - in a decision invalidating laws making it a crime to desecrate the flag, he wrote, "We do not consecrate the flag by punishing its desecration, for in doing so we dilute the freedom that this

cherished emblem represents. Brennan's critics claim be

to itself ultimate control over al-most every aspect of daily life. His view of America as a secular democracy and opposition to prayer in public schools made them especially angry. But Brennan rebutted their arguments as "little more than arrogance cloaked as humility".

Patrick Renshaw

William Joseph Brennan, judge: born Newark, New Jer-

with many of the well-known in-

sey 25 April 1906; admitted to New Jersey Bar 1931; practised in Newark 1931-49; Superior Court Judge 1949-50; Appellate Division Judge 1950-52: Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey 1952-56: Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the US 1956-90; married Ist 1928 Marjorie Leonard (died 1982: two sons, one daughter), 2nd 1983 Mary Fowler: died Arlington, Virginia 24 July

Antonia Butler



Butler; her playing was innately musical with an almost spiritual quality

The cellist Antonia Butler will be remembered as a dedicated and well-loved teacher, having held important appointments at the Royal College of Music, the Birmingham School of Music and the Menuhin School, What is oot generally known is that she was a distinguished soloist and chamber music player for many years hefore deciding that teaching should take pride of place.

She was born in London in 1909 into a musical family and could not recall a time wheo music was not part of her life. She had her first lessons on the piano at five and weot on to the cello with Valentina Orde when she was ten. Her progress was such she was soon able to join in the family music-making. One of her earliest memories was playing at their home with the violinists Jelly and Adila d'Arányi who were great-nieces of the celebrated violinist Joseph Joachim. As a reward she was giveo a gold coin which she treasured all her life.

It was through a recommendation from the d'Aranyi sisters that when only 13 she went to Leipzig to study for four years with the great Julius Klengel at the Conservatoire. She considered this a very important period because Klengel taught her to develop her own indi-vidual musicality and, in addition, she learned so much of the concerto repertoire, especially the Brahms Double Concerto for cello and violin which she played twice with the Conservatoire Orchestra. She told me that her own interpretation was greatly influenced by her stud-ies with Klengel: "Klengel had heard performances by its dedicatees, Robert Hausmann and

advice especially oo tempi Butler weot on for a further three years study with Diran Alexanian at the Ecole Normale in Paris which was important in an eotirely different way from Kleogel. Alexanian weot into minute detail about every aspect terall. Halfway through the

Joseph Joachim, and he was

able to pass on some very good

of the music and Butler remembered how Pablo Casals and Emanuel Feuermann and many other famous musicians would sit in oo the sessions.

Butler made her London début recital at the Wigmore Hall in 1930 and received encouraging reviews which led to a number of solo engagements. These included playing the Haydn D Major Concerto in the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, deputising at the last moment for the indisposed Thelma Reiss. It was around this time that the great Portuguese cellist Guilhermina Suggia heard her and was very impressed. In 1937, Butler and the violinist Marjorie Hayward and pianist Kathleen Markwell formed a piano trio, the "Kamaran" which sooo gained a reputatioo and

hroadcast frequently.
One of Butler's indelible memories was of a Prom in August 1940 wheo she was playing the Brahms Double Concerto with the violinist Arthur Cat-

evening the air-raid siren sounded, and since regulations did oot permit anyone to go on the streets during a raid, nobody could leave the hall. The concert continued, but when the planned programme had finished, the musicians decided to band together to provide an ex-

tended number of items. Butler and Harvey Phillips played a two-cello arrangement of the sonata for two violins by Handel, followed by the Schumann Piano Quintet and so on throughout the night. In the carly hours of the morning when the "All Clear" signal was given, audience and musicians departed weary but happy. Butler told me: "It was the most exciting and inspiring experience, and symbolic of good triumphing over evil". Later during the war, Butler appeared in many of the lunch-time

series of concerts at the National Gallery organised by Myra Hess. From this time Butler had a continuous stream of engagements both as a soloist and chamber music player, playing

strumentalists of the day. In 1941, she married the pianist, Norman Greenwood, who unfortunately was called up the day after their wedding. When he was demobilised they appeared frequently in sonata recitals and broadcasts from the BBC and became known for their innately musical interpretation, especially of the work of contemporary British com-

posers. (Their son, Richard Greenwood, is also a pianist.) The composer Arthur Honegger was a personal friend and Butler played his cello sonata in Paris with Homneger's wife as her partner on the piano; Butler al-ways felt an affinity with this work because Honneger was able to advise them personally. When her husband died in

1962, Butler gave sonata recitals with a oumber of planists including Angus Morrison, but her concert activities were gradually overtaken when she started to teach because she found it increasingly rewarding. Many

of the younger generation of cellists who are in the public eve today remember her as being a very understanding and helpful teacher, but not so understanding if the student lacked musical integrity.
The violinist Maria Lidka, a

close friend with whom she played many times, told me that she held strong convictions on many issues and was very outspoken when the need arose. As a person she was kind and generous and friendship, for her, meant total loyalty. These qualities came out in her playing which was innately musical with an almost spiritual quality, best illustrated in her performances of the Bach Solo Suites, to which she remained devoted to the end of her life.

Margaret Campbell Antonia Katharine Margaret Butler, cellist: born London I June 1909; married 1941 Norman Greenwood (died 1962; one son); died Farningham, Kent 18

Dame Monica Golding

Monica Golding's prime concem in life was to offer help and comfort to those in need. In culmination of her service and dedication to the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, she was appointed Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services in June 1956 and DBE in 1958.

She was born Monica Johnson, in Chiswick, west London, in 1902, and began her lifelong dedication to nursing at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Guildford, in 1922, From Guildford she moved to Aldershot in 1925 for midwifery training; her close proximity to the Army there encouraged her to consider a life in the Services.

Her concern for those around her was never more apparent than during the years of the Second World War. She recalled some years later her experieoces during Christmas 1939, when she found herself in Northern France as Matron of No 3 Casualty Clearing Station. It was the first Christmas of the war and very little had been organised in the way of festivities. Monica Johnson gladly took part in a broadcast home compered by Richard Dimbleby and by way of thanks he asked her what she would like as a small token of gratitude from the BBC. She asked him somewhat timidly if it were possible to have some extras for the patients. To

Dimbleby flew down to Paris and hrought back turkeys, oranges, apples, outs and crackers, and a present for every patient. The sisters, too, enjoyed a good lunch.

Later on in the war when she was in Egypt she arranged further live broadcasts to the United Kingdom. She was well aware of the joy that it would give rel-atives back home to hear the voices of their loved ones.

The war brought changes to the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and Monica Johnson's experience both at home and abroad was invaluable in the unstable atmosphere which prevailed. Between 1946 and 1948 she

her amazement and delight served in India as Principal Matron, the last QA sister to serve there. Her authoritative manner must have been well known: when she was approached and asked if the oursing sisters could take part in a farewell parade prior to Indian independence in 1947 the parade commander was most surprised that she was oot "up in arms" at the request. She told him firmly that she would have been very annoyed if the QAs

> In 1949, the Army Nursing Service was formally integrated into the British army and the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service was renamed Queeo Alexandra's

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had not been represented.

Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC). In 1950 nurse training was established and wheo she took up her appointment in Singapore as Matroo she had the additional responsibility of young nurses under

Monica Johnson was capable of accepting a wide and diverse range of responsibilities but never failed to give individual consideration to the welfare of the patients and nurses. She took immense trouble to put people at their ease, and always gave sensible and wise advice. She recognised the need for non-nursing officers to relieve the sisters of onerous clerical duties and worked tirelessly

until the first administrative officer was commissioned. As Director of Army Nursing

Services, she represented the Corps on many great occasions, but one of her proudest moments was attending a dinner offered by the Army to the Queen after her accession to the throne in 1952. It had been over 100 years since a banquet of such military magnitude had been held, and present with her were most members of the Royal Family, and over 100 generals. Well aware of the unique occasion that she was attending, she had supervised the design of a new QA mess dress and it was worn for . ficer born London 6 August 1902; he first time on this evening.

She retired in 1960 and was

Matron-in-Chief and Director of
Army Nursing Services 1956-60; the first time on this evening.

ommandant of the Corps in 1961. During her term of office she witnessed the marriage of the Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Margaret and the opening of the new QARANC Training Centre in Aldershot.

Life was generous to her and her marriage from 1961 to Brigadier the Rev Harry Golding was an immensely happy period. Visitors to their home remember the shared fun and laughter.



DBE 1958; Colonel Commandant, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps 1961-66; married 1961 Brigadier the Rev Harry Golding (died 1969; two stepdaughters); died Bournemouth. Dorset 6 June 1997.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

FOOT: On 20 July David Robert Pa-terson, almost 82 beloved husband of Helen and missed by many others. Fu-neral St Peter's Upper Church, Pem-bury, Kent (A21), 230pm. Toesday 29 July.

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Sir Peter Carey, former chairman, Dalgety, 74; Mrs Pauline Clare, Chief Constable, Lancashire, 50; Mr Blake Edwards, film producer and director, 75; Miss Susan George, acrector, 75; Miss Susan George, actress, 47; Mr John Howard, prime minister of Australia, 58; Mr Mick Jagger, rock singer, 54; Miss Burbara Jelford, actress, 67; Dr John Kilgour, former medical examiner, DSS, 73; Mr Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 69; Mr Danny La Rue, entertainer, 70; Profesora Jones. Rue, entertainer, 70: Professor James Lovelock, ehemist and biologist, 78; Lord Marnoch, Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, 59; Dr Brian Mawhinney MP, 57; Miss Helen Mirren, actress, 51: Mr Steve Oldham, cricketer, 49; Baroness Oppenheim Barnes, former govern-ment minister, 67; Mr Lance Percival, entenainer, 64; Sir Frank Price, for-mer chairman. British Waterways, 75; Sir Derek Riches, former diplomat, 85; Mr Jason Robards, film actor, 75;

Miss Bernice Rubens, novelist, 69; Mr Jercmy Thomas, Chairman, British Film Institute, 48; Mr Malcolm Wells, former chairman, Charterhouse Japhet, 70; Dr Anne Wright, Vice-Chancellor, Sunderland University, 5 L TOMORROW: Mr Michael Ball, singer, 35: Mr Allan Border, crick-eter, 42; Lord Cawley, former bar-rister, 84: Mr Peter Coker, artist, 71; Gp Capt John Cunningham, former Executive Director, British Aerospace, 80; Ms Roscanna Cunningham MP, 46; Miss Anna Dawson, actress and comedienne, 60; Mr Christopher Dean, skater, 39; Sir Ronald Dearing, former chairman of the Post Oflice, 67; Miss Jo Durie, tennis player, 37: Miss Bobbie Gentry, singer, 55; Dame Mary Green, former Headmistress, Kidbrooke School, 84: Mr.

Jack Higgins (Harry Patterson), nov-

elist, 68, Lord Jenkins of Puincy, former government minister, 89;

Professor James McGee, Professor of Morbid Anatomy, Oxford University, 58; Sir James Munn, former Chairman, Training Commission, 77; Mr Ernie Ross MP, 55; Barone ms of Crosby, former President.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politicism, 1802; Sir Richard Wallace, founder of the Wallace Collection, 1818; George Bernard Shaw, playwright, 1856; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, 1875; Andre Eugène Maurice Charlot, theatrical manager and actor, 1882; André Maurois (Emile Salomon Wilhelm Herzog), author, 1885; Georg Grosz, artist, 1893; Aldous Leonard Hundey, novelist, 1894; Robert Ranke Graves, poet, 1895; Paul William Gallico, writer, 1897; Salvador Allende Gossens, states-man, 1908. Deaths: John Wilmot, second Earl of Rochester, poet, 1680; George Borrow, writer, 1881; Sir James Augustus Henry Murray, lex-icographer, 1915. On this day: Lionel Rothschild (elected 1847) was the first Jewish MP to take his seat in Parliament, 1858; the Royal Assent was given to the Bill disestablishing the Irish Church, 1869, the London Evening News newspaper was first published, 1881; Wagner's opera Parsiful was first performed, Bayreuth 1882; the (Federal) Bureau of Investigation was inaugurated, 1908; the Labour Party came to power after the General Election, 1945; the Sucz. Canal was nationalised by Egypt, 1956; Prince Charles was created Prince of Wales, 1958; over 1,100 people died in carthquakes at Skopje, Yugoslavia, 1963. Today is the Feast Day of St Anne, St Bartholomea Capitanio, St Joachim and St Simeon the

TOMORROW: Births: Elizabeth Talbot, Countess of Shrewsbury (Bess

mansions, 1518; Thomas Campbell, poet, 1777; Alexandre Dumas fils, playwright, 1824; Sir Ernest Alfred Thompson Wallis Budge, Orientalist, 1857; Joseph Hilaire Pierre Belloc, poet and author, 1870; Anton Dolin (Patrick Healey-Kay), dancer and choreographer, 1904. Deaths: St Joseph of Arimathea, 82; John Graham of Claverhouse, first Viscount Dundee, soldier, killed 1689; Mikhail Duridee, soldier, silled loss; mushail Yuryevich Lemnaniov, poet and novelist, 1841; John Dalton, physicist and chemist, 1844; Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie, Egyptologist, 1942; Gertrude Stein, novelist and poet, 1946; Edward Godfrey Richard Aldington, novelist and biographer, 1962: Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, director, 1970; Mohammad Reza

Pahlavi, Shah of Iran, 1980; James Mason, actor, 1984; Sir Osbert Lancaster, artist and writer, 1986. On this day: Austria once more became in-dependent, 1955; the St James's Theatre, London, closed, 1957; a Judiciary Committee In the US voted to impeach President Naou, 1974. Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Aurelia, Natalia and their Companions, St Pantaleon, The Martyrs of Salsette, The Seven Sleepers of Eph-esus and St Theobald of Marly.

Lectures TODAY

Victoria and Albert Museum: Sercna Cant, "The V&A: a great Victo-rian Museum", 2.30pm (spoken and signed for deaf visitors). Tate Gallery, Laurence Bradbury, "A Centenary Survey (6): the Tate today

and tomorrow", 1pm. TOMORROW

National Gallery: Rachel Barnes, "Good Buys (4): an early acquisition, Jacopo di Cione's The Coronation of National Portrait Gallery: Paul Webb, "Audrey Hepburn", 3pm.

Mutuality – not a mess of pottage It was, said Brian Davis, the chief executive of the Nationwide, a victory for competition. This week 70 per cent of the

members of the huilding society voted against a proposal to turn it into a bank. A vote the other way would have netted them windfalls of thousands of pounds of the kind which members of the Alliance & Leicester, Halifax, Woolwich, Northern Rock and Norwich Union gained when they voted to relinquish their mutual

status earlier this year.
I cannot speak for the other 1.35 million people who voted No. But I have to let Mr Davis know that it was not the promise of lower mortgage rates or higher savings rates which prompted me to cast my vote in that direction. To me it is not so much a victory for competition as for

Mutuality is a deeply biblical concept. It is there in the Old Testament notion that we are our brother's keeper and in the New Testament ethic that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. It is woven deep into the fabric of the commonality of purpose of the people of Israel. It is there at the heart of Christian theology: relationship is integral to the very identity of God according to the doctrine of the Trinity. It is there in the body of Catholie Social Teaching which a succession of popes have developed over the last century with its ootion of the commoo good.

It is, said Pope John Paul II in the encyclical Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, "above all a question of interdependence". Solidarity, he said, "is a firm and persevering determination to commit ooeself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all".

We are all really responsible for all.' teaches the Pope. Paul Vallely welcomes the decisive vote of members of the Nationwide building society to retain its mutual status.

By contrast there is no theology of windfall. The manna from heaven was a symbot of subsistence. It could not be stored up. It rotted after one day. It spoke of an ethic of sufficiency, not excess. It is harder to imagine anything further from the indulgent inflation-fuelling consumer boom of our present windfall fever. Its the-ology is that of Eighties individualism which elevated greed into a virtue.

A related papal concept, assimilated from liberation theology, has been the no-tion of "structures of sin" - oppressive systems like the arms race, unfair trade or Third World debt which force individuals to act immorally because not to do so might result in them going under too.

The mutual society, by contrast, must be a structure of grace for it assists its members to do good for others whilst benefitting others. It transforms the commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself" into a mechanism of sound finance. The argument for demutualisation is improved efficiency. Yet by remaining mutual a building society can offer low-

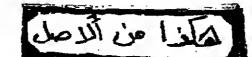
mutualised Halifax is raising its variable mortgage rate to 8.2 per cent from next month while Nationwide is increasing its rate to 7.85 per cent. But, while preserving the self-interest of the strong, mutuality also offers help to those in need, promoting dignity, self-reliance and self-esteem. It is not a jam tomorrow or reward-in-heaven theology but one which tells us that the kingdom can be with US BOW.

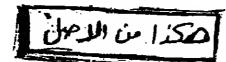
The between-the-lines argument is not improved efficiency, it is improved profits - and profits which are acquired by stealing the accumulated wealth of our pareois and grandparents. But they do not belong to us. We hold them as stewards for future generations.

No doubt such a notion would be faociful to the large oumber of "carpethaggers" who last month, in the hope of future windfalls, deposited money in the remaining mutuals creating the biggest in-flow of new cash into building societies for more than a decade. (The Nationwide took in £1.3bn in new money - a rise so dramatie it was forced to suspend all oew account openings). But the concept of inter-generational responsibility is far from illusory to anyone who helieves in the communico of saints or understands the Genesis story of how Esan was induced

to sell his birthright for a mess of pottage.

I like to think that the 1.35 million members of the Nationwide realised this. And that the pendulum really is now swinging away from the ideology of individualism and back to the theology of community.





market report/shares



The stock market was tor-mented again by stories of de-rivative losses with Standard Chartered, the banking group,

seen as a likely casualty.

The shares fell 46.5p at one time, closing 33.5p lower at 971.5p. The rumours suggested heavy losses oo currency deals in the Far East following the devaluation of Thailand's baht. But a Standard spokesman denied the bank had suffered

from hold to buy.

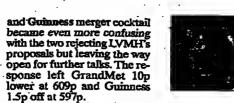
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of the often tormented British

Footsie ended a lacklustre session down 11.4 points at 4,851.5. Granada, up 28.5p to 812.5p, was the best performing blue chip, spurred by enthusiastic commeots from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson

and Lehman Brothers.

Centrics continued to score from the Panmure Gordoo Mercury Asset Manageme



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

stock market reporter of the year

to nearer £16.5m.

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Psion attempted to take over Amstrad. Following its reor-ganisation Amstrad shares are

now, at 278.5p, trading around their highest for six years. They

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Banks suffer again on rumours of derivative losses

when the shares peaked at of £16m. The warning 509p. Yesterday they fell a furprompted forecasts for this

Commercial Union, the in-surer, hardened 17.5p to 700p with Salomon Brothers moving 509p. Yesterday they fell a fur-ther 26.5p 313p.
That frequeot interruption to a share's progress - a profit warning - caused the damage. further evidence the market does not take prisoners. Once a high flyer disappoints its reaction is decisive, even cruel. For a long while Psion, the hand-held computer group, mesmerised the market, evolving as the latest glamour stock of the often tormented Betish In June chairman and creator David Potter launched his new Series 5 machines to critical acclaim. Unfortunately, the celebrations were somewhat muted as he felt obliged to is-

sue a profit warning.
It seems retailers, already overstocked with the Series 3 model, had slashed orders until they could get the new computers. Inevitably, the strong pound was a further damaging

ties. Hays, which walked away last year, fell 11.5p to 564.5p. Sources close to the company said it did not plan to mount

another takeover.

Johnson Matthey, the metals Johnson Matthey, the metals group, rose 5.5p to 570p after JCI, the South African group, appeared to place around 19 million shares at 560p. Cortworth, an engineer, advanced 36.5p after BI, a Kirwaiti group, made an agreed 196p a share offer. Trading warnings took their toll Helitar, a water treatment.

toll. Utilitec, a water treatment company, leaked 26.5p lower to 47.5p after producing yet an-other grim trading statement and Hozelock, the gardeo equipment group blamed June's downpours for washing

are due to be suspended oo Thesday. Assuming the recon-struction is approved, shares of Viglen Technology, its successor, will start trading on 4 August. Christian Salvesen, the dis-With sterling also having an impact it said profits would be lower than expected, prompt-ing HSBC to lower its forecast by 38 per cent to £6.5m. The shares fell 78p to 280p. Paper

plaining of difficult times, gave up 26.5p to 315p.

Biocompatibles International, weak receotly on wor-ries over its proposed licensing deal with US giant Johnson & Johnson, rallied 125p to 1,105p;

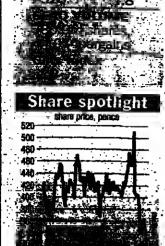
Merrill Lynch was thought to be making positive noises. VideoLogic rose op to 53p on hopes it is winning the race to supply virtual reality tech-cology to Sega's oew geoera-tion of video games. Trocadero pulled out of its long decline with the appointment of John Conlan, ex-First Leisure Cor-

poration, as chairman. The shares rose 5.75p to 24p. Struggling Dalkeith Inns is selling its nine pubs to Inn-trepreneur for £1.65m. After debts, its assets are expected to be £1.15m cash - 24p a share. The shares edged ahead to 19p. As a cash shell, shares of Dalkeith, an old plantation expects profits this year up company, will probably be sus-

Taking Stock

which has admitted a takeover approach, put on 4.5p to 38p as Ennstone, the old Albrighton, emerged as a likely predator. It has acquired, for around 40p in cash and shares, the 9.37 per cent Bruntcliffe stake held by Bodfari Quarries, an unquoted Welsh group. Aggregate Industries is Bruntcliffe's biggest shareholder with 23 or possibly 27 per cent. Ennstone shares shaded to 3.25p.

□Compco Holdings, a property group, appears to be file. It recently met four institutions and Crédit Lyonnais Laing and Albert E Sharp are keen on the group. Stronger institutional support is demo-nstrated by Equitable Life increasing its stake. Sharp



push, up 2.75p to 89.25p and comeback kept on course with the shares 42p higher at 1,380p. The Grand Metropolitan

computer industry.
The shares arrived on the old
USM in March, 1988, at 97p.
Early years were difficult and tribution and storage group, added 22p to 319.5p on sug-gestions bigger rival Hays they hit a 13p low in 1991. But from then on it was heady progress - until last month Last year Psion made profits

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Guinness acts to foil Arnault assault

Andrew Yates

Bernard Argault was last night having to rethink his strategy to block the £23bn merger between Guinness and Grand Guinness, added: "This deal will Metropolitan, as the two UK go through. It will create £4bn drinks companies threatened to make a radical change to the terms of the deal.

politan said that they were prepared to raise the level of shareholder support needed to even though they would face an extra lax hill of up to £70m. Mr Arnault, who heads the LVMH luxury goods group in France, has husily heen increasing his stake in GrandMet and lobbying for support from institutions to muster a blocking vote which is 25 per cent under the current hid terms.

More than £1hn have been spent by LVMH on huilding up 11.06 per cent stake in Grand Met, and Mr Arnault now faces the prospect of having to spend hillions more if he

sticks with the same tactics.

The potentially fatal blow made against Mr Arnault's campaign yesterday came just 24 hours after the combative Frenchman claimed the merger was dead in the water, and claims that he could muster support from institutional shareholders to reach the 25 per cent hlocking target. Analysis said it Mr Arnault would struggle to command more than 50 per

cent of the vote. Philip Yea, Guinness' finance director, said: "If we find a rock in the road we can drive around it. We have made sure we have done our homework and we have contingencies in hand to deal with Mr Arnault. An extra

£70m of stamp duty is a drop in the ocean compared to what we can gain from a merger of GrandMet and Guinness." Anthony Greener, chairman of of extra value for our shareholders."

However, LVMH claimed Guinness and Grand Metro- that it could still scupper the deal. "We believe we can stop the deal with 25 per cent of the vote. It would give us the powblock the deal to 50 per cent, er to prevent the transfer of assets hetween GrandMet and Guinness among other things," a spokesman said yesterday. GrandMet and Guinness yes-

terday also slammed Mr Arnault's alternative proposals to form a wines and spirits husi-ness, incorporating Moet Hen-nessy, the spirits subsidiary of LVMH, the IDV business of Guinness and the United Distillers arm of Guinness. The plan would involve the demerger of Pilsbury and Burger King, GrandMet's food manufacturing and fast food husinesses, and the hrewing arm of

GrandMet and Guinness vehemently ruled out any imminent demergers, claiming they would destroy £1.5bn of shareholder value. Analysts believe the total demerger bill could easily top £2bn due to the loss of purchasing power

economies in the group.

John McGrath, chief executive of GrandMet said: "These proposals from LVMH will destroy shareholder value, primarily due to the US tax costs of separating these business. No board in their right mind would he prepared to do a deal that would destroy £1.5bn of shareholder value and then have



Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness (feft), and George Bull, his GrandMet counterpart, claim the deal will succeed

pay a premium for Moët

Hennessy."
Mr McGrath accepted that the three way merger of the spirits business would bring extra cost savings of £65m, over and above the £175m that GMG Brands would create. But he denounced Mr Arnault's demands for a 35 per cent stake in a combined spirits group and cast aspersions on LVMH's projections that the

Arnault's proposals involve transferring £130m of share-holder value from GMG shareholders to LVMH shareholders. The revenue benefits that LVMH predict are unrealistic according to our analysis," be said.

A fund manager at one of GrandMet's institutional shareholders said: "Mr Arnault will

spirits group would bring in have to come up with something extra revenue of £65m. "Mr substantially better than he has put on the table so far to get enough support for his ideas. At the moment we are clearly siding with the management and I expect most of the other large shareholders are too."

Mr Arnault has indicated he is willing to take a lower stake in a combined spirits group by swapping some of his Moet

manufacturing industry.
"With the Bank's sights set

firmly on the future - and in par-

ticular on the likely impact of

windfall payouts on high street

spending - further rises in in-

terest rates over the coming

months look certain," said

Jonathan Loynes at HSBC

David Bloom at James Capel

Hennessy assets and shareholdings in GrandMet and Guinness for a stake in the demerged food and brewing interests. He would also consider a watertight commitment from

and GrandMet groups, to demerge husinesses in the

GMG Brands, the planned new

willing to push ahead with the without Moët merger

Photographs: Nicola Kurtz

George Bull, GrandMet's chairman, said: "This is a bit like the tail wagging the dog. Moët Hennessy would only increase the size of the spirits portfolio name of the merged Guinness by 3 per cent and the size of the wines and spirits business by 6 per cent. It is tiny relative to the deal we are talking about."

GrandMet and Guinness are

Calls for Pitcher to resign at United Utilities

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Shareholders in United Utilities called on the company's chair-man, Sir Desmond Pitcher, 10 resign vesterday at an illtempered annual meeting in Manchester. Shareholders also criticised the level of executive pay and demanded shorter contracts for directors to minimise the cost of any future boardroom departures.

It was also announced vesterday that Sir Dick Evans, the British Aerospace chief executive, is to join the board as a non-executive director, in a move seen as a victory for in-stitutions keen to reduce Sir Desmond's boardroom power.

The row at the AGM came after Sir Desmond refused to tell shareholders why the United Utilities board had ousted chief executive. Brian Staples. on Monday after it passed a vote

of no-confidence in him. To a round of applause from the floor, one shareholder told Sir Desmond: "This is the secand chief executive officer that we have tost under your chairmanship and I do not think. therefore, you should remain as chairman of the company if you

will not justify your actions." Mr Staples, one of the socalled "fai cats" of the utilities sector, left abruptly on Monday amid suggestions of boardroom concern over his private life. The company has denied that Mr Staples' decision to leave his wife and move in with the Sir Desmond's former secretary

was a factor in his departure. Mr Staples is line for a payoff of around £600,000. His predecessor Bob Thian, who left three years ago, departed with £670,000 in compensation.

Asked later if he had ever considered resigning Sir Desagrance.

considered resigning, Sir Desmond said: "Quite simply, no. Certainly not when I played a major part in taking it [the company) from £1.2bn to almost a £4bn company and a major

multi-utility."

He claimed he and Mr Staples had parted on good terms: There is no personal animosity and there never has been any. He left the company on Monlosing a friend. It's a sad moment. But life goes on. None of us is indispensable."

Sir Desmond rejected claims that institutions had put pressure on him to stand down to a non-executive role. "There were calls for a change in my role at the AGM a year ago. Subsequent to that we have met all our institutional shareholders. They understand our roles and we've not heard anything from them on this issue.

Sir Desmond also attacked the windfall tax. He said it would trigger a "comprehensive review" of discretionary revenue and capital expenditure, custs omer rehates and voluntary compensation schemes. United shares closed up 2.5p at 733.5p.

Economists bet on fourth rise in rates

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The economy is expanding fast enough to make it odds-on that the cost of borrowing will soon rise for the fourth month running, City economists have con-cluded.

Figures for gross domestic product, the widest measure of the economy, showed that it grew at an uncomfortable pace in the second quarter of the year. Although manufacturing gresses, fuelled by the windfall output was flat in the three building society shares, rising inas management consultancy, ment. transport and retailing are

The last important official figures before the next meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee on 7 August, they are expected to have a crucial influence on its decision. Most City experts reckon the committee will opt for a fourth quarter-point rise in interest rates to 7 per cent despite the pain that the strong pound is inflicting on exporters. "That might stay the hand of

the committee, but it would merely delay the inevitable," said Kevin Darlington at Hoare

According to the Office for National Statistics, GDP in-

creased by 0.9 per cent in the second quarter of the year, taking it to a level 3.4 per cent higher than a year earlier. The quarterly increase was the same as in January to March hut lower than the 1.1 per cent rise in the final quarter of last year. However, annual growth has

climb further as the year probuilding society shares, rising incomes and falling

Full details on the latest quarter are not yet available, but total output of the service in-4.5 per cent year on year. The costs works through.

growth was widespread, the ONS said, but strongest in business services such as management consultancy and computer services. Transport and communication, and distribution, hotels and catering also expanded rapidly.

In sharp contrast, manufacturing output was roughly flat in the second quarter. It fell in May, but the ONS indicated that it has recovered somewhat in June.

budding boom has alarmed sharp slowdown in 1998, when the windfall has been and gone, the overvalued pound finally eats into export volumes and the dustries rose by 1.3 per cent and effect of increased borrowing

GDP growth

% change on one year earlier, seasonally adjusted

Robert Barrie, an economist evidence of weaker exports and at BZW, said: "A lot of influences will slow the economy down. The effect of the strong exchange rate will be very pow-erful and very painful. It will have knock-on effects on the rest of the economy."

Simon Briscoe, head of research at Nikko Europe, said yesterday's figures already showed the economy growing at a slower pace than at the end of last year. "I don't think the The unbalanced nature of the Bank should raise interest rates. and I don't think they will in Au-

This was a minority view, however. Most City analysts think the MCP will continue to put more weight on the signs of huoyant consumer spending and services than on the early

warned that the latest figures did not yet include any sizeable impact from windfall gains. "In the third quarter they should come through by the bucketload, pushing the service sector to levels where inflation pressures will further exert themselves," he said.

Markets

Few see any hope of relief from the strong pound in the near future, although it did dip yesterday following reports that two hig hanks had been selling sterling. It fell to just over DM3.05 before rallying. Its index against a range of currencies ended 0.1 lower at 106.2.

The remaining figures due before 7 August - consumer credit and the CBI's distributive trades survey on the one hand and industrial output along with the monthly purchasing managers survey on the other - are not expected to alter the balance of the Bank's decision. those at the leading edge of research with a focus on R&D.

Exchange gears for technology index

Sameena Ahmad

A new technology index this autumn to track shares in some of the UK's most innovative and fastest-growing stocks is set to be introduced in the autumn by FTSE International, the body that decides how companies are classified on the UK stock market FTSE International is also considering a separate classification for hiotechnology

Steven Vale at FTSE International, jointly owned by the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Times, said there was growing need for independent technology indices like those that exist on US exchanges. "Fund managers want to develop specialist funds to tap companies which may have fast growth potential. Demand for a technology index is increasing."

Mr Vale said The plan to single out hiotechnology companies would not create a separate biotech index, but allow investors to identify hiotech from "regular" pharmaceutical companies. Biotechs will be defined as

It would not be hased on market capitalisation. As hiotechs developed they would be reclassified as pharmaceutical companies, defined as those like Glazo Wellcome which make and market drugs as well as develop them. Although details of the

names and number of companies qualifying for the technology index have not yet been finalised, a range of stock sented including all the biotech groups. Within the media sector, electronic data publishers. like, perhaps, MAID will be included. From support services, companies to be included are Internet groups, information technology consultancies and services companies and producers and distributors of computer software, Mr Vale said. Likely candidates are Sema,

Logica, Parity, FI and RM. The definition of engineering companies to be included are producers of components and equipment for the aircraft and defence sector. The technology index would be a sub-sector of existing classifications and companies would also be represented in their original sectors.

Huntingdon

Tom Stevenson

An elaborate plot to defraud the hanking system ended at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday with prison sentences for the scam's ringleaders. The court also ordered the seizure of a BMW car belonging to one of the gang which had been used in a car chase across Oxfordshire as the police moved in on the ring in March 1996. Sanjeev Rana was sentenced

to three years, while his accomplices. Sukjit Virk and Salwant

dant, Deepak Panwar, will serve 12 months' detention in a young offenders institution. Rajeev Rana, the owner of the BMW,

is to be sentenced in January. The scam perpetrated by the ring involved forging letters of authority from one of a bank's commercial customers, requesting the transfer of money from its account to another account at a different bank. The account information needed to set up the transfer was asked for over the telephone from the victim com-

Basi, received jail terms of 12 panies on the pretext of setting months each. A fourth defenup a transfer under the banks' automated payment system. For the scheme to work, the

conspirators had to find people who were willing for their accounts to be used to receive the transferred funds. The recipient of the funds usually got to keep a percentage of the money.

Philip Lewis, a lawyer at the Serious Fraud Office, which brought the case with the West Midlands Police Fraud Squad, said: "This fraud was alarmingly simple to carry out. Had the defendants succeeded in all of

their dishonest efforts the loss would have been over £7m." After his arrest Sulgit Virk told police he had become involved in the fraud because he had no money and "with Sanjeev [Rana] you go out to bars, drink chamagne, get girls, live a life". One of the stooges whose ac-

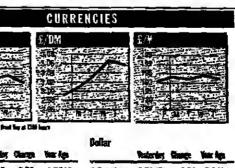
counts were used to collect the money, Richard Culverhouse, was yesterday fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 in costs. He had £32,000 worth of assets seized which are to paid to National Westminster Bank.

May 1996 the big clearing banks were defrauded of almost £2m. They were only stopped after a simple spelling mistake repeated on each of the 131 separate letters sent by the gang linked all the attempts. The recurrent use of the mis-spelt "sincerly" when signing off the lerters demonstrated all the fraudulent transactions were connected.

On 11 March 1996, Rana and Virk were arrested and charged at Wantage in Oxfordshire. where Virk had just delivered one of the forged letters of au-Between December 1995 and thority to a hranch of Barclays to he delivered by taxi drivers.

Bank. The arrests followed a car chase during which they had thrown from the car various items of incriminating evidence, including a mobile phone used to phone up target companies. The scam continued even after they were arrested and told they had heen captured on

video researching target companies at Companies House and delivering forged letters. Knowing this, they continued to seek information from Companies House by post while on bail and arranged for the letters



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faces US test

Sameena Ahmad

Huntingdon Life Sciences, the animal testing group which faces losing its UK licence fol-lowing a Home Office investigation into animal cruelty, will come under new pressure in the US on Monday.

A Virginian court is to rule whether Peta, an animal rights group, can show footage of animal cruelty at Huntingdon to the US Department of Agriculture, the media and the public. The Department is responsible for deciding whether a company is fit to conduct animal experiments. The US represents more than one-fifth of Huntingdon's

sales. Ingrid Newkirk, president of Peta said: "We are fighting tooth and nail for the right to show what was done to animals inside Huntingdon's New Jersey lah." Huntingdon, which was the subject of a disturbing Channel 4 documentary in March showing beagles heing punched and shaken at its UK labs, had obtained a court order preventing Peta from showing video footage shot in the US

Christopher Cliffe, Huntingdon's chief executive, said that he was confident the group would continue trading in the

US. "The USDA inspected us in April and again in May. We have a clean bill of health."

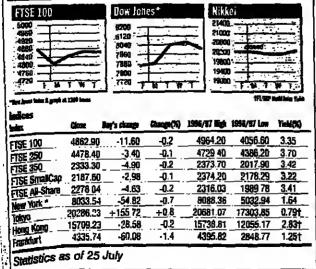
Dealings in Huntingdon's shares were suspended yesterday. The company has until November to meet 16 stringent conditions imposed by the Home Office before it can apply for a new licence. Mr Cliffe said the company had already met many of the demands. "We are confident we can complete all the necessary changes.

Several of Huntingdon's customers said that they would wait to see if the company was successful in re-applying for its licence before awarding new husiness. A spokesman for Novartis said: "We won't be placing any new studies with them and we will be monitoring existing studies more carefully."
Merck, the US drugs giant

confirmed that the company did use Huntingdon in the UK and had not yet decided whether to commission any new contracts. SmithKline Beecham said: Our confidence in them has been completely dented. We won't be giving them any further

Zeneca said that the group "is no longer on our list of options" until it improved its standards.

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'No right-thinking person would these days feel comfortable with the idea of un-elected trade unionists running the country. Why should we feel any happier if it is businessmen pulling the levers

of power?"

Why government and business don't really mix

Businessmen and industrialists are cropping up in Government all over the place these days. It's all part of Tony Blair's new "inclusive" approach to running the country. Nobody would argue too much about the idea of this, eveo if New Labour's beholded view of the "can do" attributes of successful husinessmen sametimes seems a trifle. ful businessmen sometimes seems a trifle naive. Business can teach government a lot

about effective decision-making, problem-solving and the needs of the economy. But in the end public policy is for civil ser-vants and the politicians who control them, and business is for businessmen; the two usu-ally and rightly make uneasy bedfellows. No right-thinking persoo would these days feel comfortable with the idea of un-elected trade unionists running the country. Why should we feel any happier if it is business-men pulling the levers of power? Within their own organisations their control is already almost absolote. Do we really want them dictating within a pulling the them dictating public policy, too?

Even accepting that they do have a valuable contribution to make to formulating policy (which they plainly do), the appointment of particular individuals to key positions carries obvious dangers. The potential for conflict of interest and embarrassment

One of Mr Blair's business buddles -Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Air-ways - already finds himself embroiled in

strike action, his handling of which has so records in the industry in clearing up the far proved questinnable, m put it at its most pensions mis-selling scandal. Strangely the charitable. Now Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barciays Bank and recently appointed to head the Government's review of tax and benefit, finds himself facing strike action, too. It would be silly to suggest Mr Blair's association with these two people means the Government is wholly in support of whatever they do in their own nesses. Crony-ism nonetheless invariably involves a set of shared views, attitudes and a high degree of mutual support. One man's inclusion is another's exclusion.

Nor is it just the forces of Old Labour that feel disturbed by it all. John Redwood's attack on Lord Simon, minister for competitiveness in Europe, may seem nit-pick-ing and petty, but the former BP chairman was indeed less open than he should have been about his substantial shareholding in BP, and arguably he shouldn't have the shares at all now that he is a government minister. Furthermore, the wider potential for conflict of interest in Lord Simoo's position is only too obvious in a world where the power and influence of the oil companies is

a constant source of controversy and friction.
The same sort of niggling doubt might be expressed about the appointment of Peter Davis to bead up the welfare in work review. He's the man from the Pru, which Pru has been largely untouched by the "name and shame" campaign to force the industry into action launched by Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

The Government may also have under-estimated the degree to which these appointments would anger businessmen not summooed to the burdens of public office. The latest example of this effect is the grandly oamed "Music industry and oew Creative Industries Task Force" being established by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary. Mr Smith annunced the task force at the same time as changing the name of his department to the Stalinist-sounding Department of Culture, Media and Sport. "My department's old name was backward-looking and did not do justice in the range of work we cover," Mr Smith insisted. Tee-hee, went everyone

in the music industry.

Uotil they learnt who was going to be on the task force, that is. With Richard Branson, Sir David Puttnam, Alan McGee (of Creation Records) and various other assemhled haveles nicely tucked in to the action, the task force begins to look more like an opportunity for the promotion of self-interest than anything else. This observation would seem a little unfair but for the fact that the task force's objective has been defined lest it be forgottee bas one of the worst I as that of increasing "creative activity and I

excellence in the UK". Wooliness like this rather invites such cynicism. That's certainly

how much of the music industry views it. I shouldn't perhaps be overly critical about all this. The Government is at least showing willing in attempting to establish a partnership with business. Moreover, the attempt to engage traditionally detached business people in finding solutions to complex social and economic problems is one that obviously deserves support. On the other hand, the Government may be storing op all kinds of trouble for itself with its business-led task forces. You can hardly hlame business people for getting upset when their main competitor is helping to set government policy.

What ever bappened to "irrational exu-berance". You remember. That was the thing Alan Greenspan went on about late last year wheo the Dow Jones Industrial Average was at just 6,400. If the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board thought the market was too high then, what does be think now with the Dow more than 25 per cent higher at more than 8,000.

Whatever it is, he's not saying. He was silent on the matter during his Congressional testimony this week. There was no talk of a stock market bubble, or of pricking it with a sharp rise in rates. Indeed, he had nothing but praise for the US economy, which seems to be jngging along with the ease of a highly trained long-distance runner. So has he changed his mind? Or is it sim-ply that he doesn't want to be the cause of a stock market crash, as he oearly was tast time he npened his mouth nn the matter? It is probably a combination of the two. Mr Greenspan has already qualified his remarks about irrational emberance in markets by suggesting the exuberance could be justified by strong earnings growth. That is what cor-

porate US seems to be delivering right now. Even so, you have to be derivering right how.

Even so, you have to believe the business cycle has been abolished for good to think stock prices justified at these levels. Perhaps because the US is the US — easily capable of accommodating the whackiest of sects and ideas — there are some quite respectable economists who actually believe this. Most of us will continue to take a rather more sceptical view, however, and for us, awaiting a big stock market correction has become a bit like waiting for the death of Deng Xiaoping. Everyone knows it will happen

eventually. It is just a question of when. Personally I'm rather hoping it woo't be for fortnight or so yet, because I wouldn't want to miss the fun. I'm off to France for a few weeks to take advantage of the soaraway pound, another phenomenon lamentably unlikely to last for long. Unless, of course, you believe that Britain too has discovered economic nirvana. Mmmm.

£140,000 fine faces M&E in pensions mis-selling blitz

Personal Finance Editor

The Personal Investment Authority, the financial services regulator, is poised to confirm its hardening stance against pensions mis selling by levying a £140,000 fine against M&E

Network, a large group of in-dependent financial advisers. Details of the fine against M&B, which is in the final stages of being formalised, comes days after The Independent revealed that another network, DBS Financial Man-

agement, was about to face a

record £500,000 penalty. Simon Hudson, chairman of M&E, yesterday declined to comment on the impending fine against his own network. However, he said: "We have had no problem with training and competence or compliance vis-

Like everyoue else, we have the PIA's pensions review team. We are as vulnerable to that as

He added that he would be calling for an inquiry by the PIA into how decisions on lines were allegedly being made before the disciplinary bodies that were supposed to agree them had

A PIA spokeswoman refused

to comment on any aspect of the regulator's disciplinary strategy. The latest fine, the secondlargest to date, will be the third against networks of independent advisers. A few weeks ago, the PIA fined Berkeley, another firm, £50,000 over the same issue. The fines are cer-

tain to raise questions about whether large networks can deliver effective controls on their Networks, which have grown substantially since the PIA was formed in 1994, are supposed

to offer the safety of centralised

compliance controls in return for some commission income. Yet last week, DBS Financial Management, chaired by Ken Davy who is also a leading figure within the financial services industry and sits on the PIA board, was revealed to be in the regulator's sights. DBS, which has 1,700 member firms with 2.500 individual advisers, is the

M&E, formed in November 1987, is the second-largest, with about 330 firms employing 650 income is £73,000 per member, with the network as a whole taking more than £22.5m in commission income last year. The firm's members have more than 70,000 clients among them.

A recent survey on behalf of Money Marketing, a financial magazine, showed that M&E has the highest proportion of former "ried agents" and the smallest oumber of IFAs as

Tied ageots are ex-salespeople who were allowed to sell the products of only a single company. By contrast, IFAs can advise on any product,

Industry observers were surprised yesterday by the looming fine against M&E. Unlike other oetworks, it does not allow members to place business directly with a product provider.

All proposals have to be referred to the company's head office in Leeds, where they are checked and only then referred to the relevant financial provider. This should ensure far tighter cootrols over the firm's members, something that M&E had previously claimed as a particular strength.

work, who would not be named, queried whether M&E's controls were as strict at head office level as had been claimed. But Mr Hudsoo said: "This would have nothing to do with our compliance systems." More firms were facing problems less

with the extent of any pensions

mis-selling than with the speed

at which it was being cleared up.

Who will be in EMU? The financial markets' view

French budget on target for EMU

Magnus Grimond

The budget measures unveiled at the start of the week to keep France within Maastricht deficit limits seem to have sharply increased confidence in the great

monetary unioo project. Swingeing corporate tax increases and cuts in spending look like squeezing the French economy to within a few tenths of a point of the deficit target of 3 per cent this year. But the money markets, now clearly banking oo a broad EMU coming in on time in 1999, voted with their feet, driving the mark yet lower against safe-haven cur-rencies, ootably the dollar and

The mark has lost close to 5 pfennigs against the US currency over the past week, taking its depreciation since the start of the year to 19 per cent.

Even so, Martin Brookes of Goldman Sachs reckons the market has factored in an "overly optimistic" 86 per cent probability of EMU meeting scepticism shared by many of our panel.

But our economists diverge over where the mark will go from here. Several pointed to hints the Bundesbank will raise rates to defend it, hat Stephen King of James Capel said their research suggested a DMZ dol-lar if Spain and Italy are included in the first phase of EMU.

IN BRIEF

ScotAm takeover claims senior victim

The fall-out from the takeover by Prudential of Scottish Amicable claimed its most senior victim yesterday with the resignation of Paul Bradsbaw, the Scottish life company's deputy managing director. Mr Bradshaw, who joined ScotAm from J Rothschild International in 1994, became deputy to the company's managing director, Roy Nicolson, in November last year. He bad beeo seen as Mr Nicolson's successor in the event of ScotAm's planned flotation and would have been in line for a share and cash bonus worth more than £1m had it taken place,

Sources said that Prudential's successful takeover and the amalgamation of key areas of ScotAm's operations with those of the Pru had reduced Mr Bradsbaw's role to the point where there was little option for him other than to seave. A ScotAm spokesman said that although he would give up his job immediately, Mr Bradshaw would remain on the company's board until October and would continue to advise Mr Nicolson until theo.

SFA orders broker to stop trading

The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) has ordered Manchester stockbroker John Siddall to cease trading for failing to maintain adequate financial resources.

The hroker has been told to stop trading immediately and to arrange for clients and the management of their accounts to be transferred to another firm. The SFA said that Siddall had informed it on a number of occasions that it would rectify its financial position, hit by a £600,000 loss on a speculative Canadian share, but it had failed to do so. Last month two of Siddall's former directors were expelled from the SFA register of directors following a reprimand for the firm relating to share-dealing in Anglia Television.

Pendragon buys rival outlets for £44m

Motor dealer Pendragon has paid rival Lex £44m for 17 volume car dealerships in a deal which both sides claim will make them more profitable. Pendragoo is also investing £22m over the oext three years in building up the businesses it has bought, a further £25m capanding its Ford franchise in North London and the Home programme will make Pendragon the biggest single Ford and Vauxhall dealer in the UK. Pendragon's plans are being financed by a rights issue of four new shares at 265p for every seven held to raise £56m. The businesses Pendragon is buying made a profit of £3.4m before interest on turnover of £350m in 1996.

Blacks Leisure sales jump 10%

The Blacks Leisure sports equipment and fashion retailer said that like-for-like sales in the 20 weeks to 19 July climbed by 10 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier. Simon Ben, chairman, also told the annual meeting that Fila UK and O'Neill were continuing to make good progress. Like-for-like sales at First Sport, the group's sports retail chain, was up 11 per cent over the previous year, in line with expectations. Blacks Outdoor, the group's outdoor leisure retailer, also reported an 11 per ceot rise in like-for-like sales, assisted by the unseasonably wet start in the summer. The group said it had opened nine stores since May and shut three. It has 125 stores.

Midlothian trims losses

Heart of Midlothian, the recently floated Scottish football club, reported reduced losses of £1.1m in the year to 31 March, down from £1.4m. Turnover increased by 13 per cent to £4.9m and the company said it was using the £5m float proceeds to modernise the stadium and improve the playing squad. Season ticket sales have boomed with 8,000 sold for the current season. This compares with just over 3,000 two years ago.

Zenith Media

In an article about Zenith Media in yesterday's editioo it was incorrectly stated that Christine Walker was previously group chief

Her position before she left Zenith a few mooths ago was as chief executive of the London office. Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, is acting independently from Zenith in attempting to find a buyer for the group. Zenith says it bas oo plans to float on the stock market.

BI bid for Cortworth to make chief £8m richer

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The chief executive of Cortworth, the specialist engineering group, stands to share more than £8m with his family, the spoils of a £93.6m agreed bid being made for the company by BI Group. Bill McMurray, Cortworth's chief exec-

utive who, with his family, owns in excess of 4 million shares, will make £8,38m from the deal. BI Group, which specialises in engineering products, has patched its of-fer at 196p per Cortworth share. Graham Wagster, the finance director, and his family will gain £3.48m, and the chairman, Roger Pinnington, will pick up £2.056m. Cortworth only floated on the stock market in December 1995, two years after Mr McMurray led a management buy-out from Williams Holdings.

companies had synergies, particularly in metal forming and finishing and plastic technologies, "BI's management wish to grow the group's core competences in metal forming and finishing and plastics technologies. The acquisition of Cortworth is consistent with this strategy."

Mr McMurray said: "We are pleased with this new partnership. The offer rep-resents good value for Cortworth share-The bid terms represent a premium of 25.6 per cent to Cortworth's share price of 156p at close on Thursday. The shares soared 36.5p to close at 192.5p last night.

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Bijan Sedghi, chairman and chief ex-ecutive of BL, said yesterday that the two

holders and the combination of the two companies increases volumes and widens

Rain hits Hozelock forecasts

shadow Hozelock has scudded in

Magnus Grimond

First it was drought, now it is flood either way, the British weather has not been kind to Hozelock, the country's biggest maker of garden hoses. Yesterday its shares plunged 78p to 280p, knocking £19m off the company's market value, after it warned that the wettest June this century had hammered sales in what is normally the best selling season of the year. Not surprisingly, people have just not been buying hoses and the pain has con-tinued into July, which with June, normaily represents a quarter of the

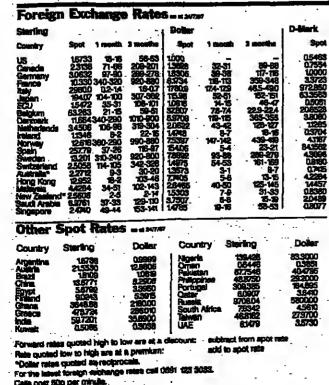
from a blue sky. Earlier this year it was fears over the exceptionally dry spring which were hitting the share price, amid reports that the UK was "enjoying" the driest two years since the 18th century. The possibility that the water companies would have to reintroduce widespread hosepipe bans sent the shares spiralling down-wards from a high of 488p in Febru-ary, prompting the company to issue a statement in April that in fact it was enjoying "ideal selling conditions" of good weather with fewer water restrictions. Trading was said to be "substantially" abend of last year.

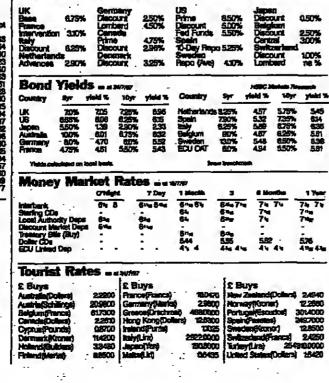
All that has gone into reverse since June, which was "a diabolical month" according to Hezelock's chief executive, David Codling. The period totted up total rainfall of 113mm,

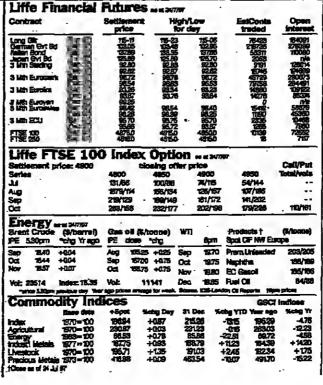
three-times the long-run average and getting on for four-times the 31mm recorded in June 1996. To add to Hozelock's woes, the strong pound is hitting the third of its sales exported Although half the foreign business is covered by hedging contracts taken out last September, the currency effect would shear £Im from profits this year, the company warned. Geoff Douglas of Barclays de Zocte Wedd said trading may come back next year, assuming a more normal summer, but there

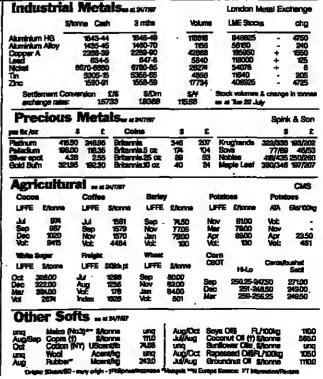
currency. He expects to cut his 1998 forecast from £12m to around £8m. Hozelock said the recent departure of operations director Paul Snowden, who sold £9.800-worth of shares at 426p in June, had no connection with the latest profits warning.

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Traversoni profits from foul play on the line

ROBIN NICHOLL

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INDEPENDER

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training that was been better

with the Tour de France

Mario Traversoni sprinted hard for what he thought was third place when the Tour de France incland less life arrived in Dijon, unaware that he was to be the winner.
"It is unbelievable," the Ital-

ian said 20 minutes later when he was invited to step onto the podium in place of Bart Voskamp.

The Dutchman had crossed the line first after clashing with

the German, Jens Heppner, but after studying the race film the jury took away their first and second placings, the third disqualification of the Tour.

Heppner's team-mate Erik Zabel was relegated at Marennes for blocking Dutchman Jeroen Blijlevens, and five days later the Ukrainian Sergei Outschakov was relegated for cutting across Laurent Desbiens at Perpignan. Twenty-six seconds before Traversoni inched clear of a bustling.

Heppner, who responded by leaning on him. They raced for several metres with the German's shoulder almost on Voskamp's hip. Heppner was in danger of falling, but finally they parted and Voskamp coasted over first.

"It is a crazy decision to give it to someone who comes in 26 seconds after us," Heppner said, but Voskamp was more vocifer-

"It is unbelievable," he said, "these people who make a laughing stock of the Tour. I deviated two centimetres from my line and they take away my victory." He posted an appeal immediately, and apparently had the support of Jean Marie Leblanc, the Tour's director general.

"I have never seen anything before like that sprint," Water Godefroot, the Belgian boss of Heppner's Deutsche Telekom team. "Voskamp had enough room and he should have kept straight in the sprint."
As Traversoni "won", Outschakov claimed that he was a victim as another Dutchman, Peter van Petegem, sliced up the sprinting group. His plea did not go unheeded, and Van Petegem was relegated to last place in that

group.

Blissfully unaware of the storm at the finish were the main contenders, who were nearly 18 minutes further back. Their laid-back approach to the 172 kilometres enabled 14 riders buried deep in the overall stand-

ings to race to a remarkable lead.

Twenty-eight kilometres from
Dijon, Voskamp attacked, Heppner responded and they raced away to spice a day which was otherwise as flat as the roads they were covering.

The jury placed Voskamp and Heppoer 10th and 11th, with Van Petegem relegated to 14th. The published result read strangely, with Traversoni and the eight placed behind him 26 seconds in arrears. The result for Voskamp and Heppner showed them as having lost no time, while Van Petegem was 26 seconds behind. sandwiched between a rider 37

A revised result then put Van Petegem into 12th place, avoiding the anomaly of having a rid-er with a smaller time loss between two with bigger deficits. A Mickey Mouse affair, but why bot? The Tour is due in Dis-

neyland today, and it seems some have got there a day ear-ly. Amid Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; Goofy, and Donald Duck, today will be deadly serious for Ullrich.

He can boost his victory margin in a time trial at the Disney complex near Paris. Currently he is 6min 22sec clear of Richard Virenoue, and a repeat of last year at St Emilion is anticipated.

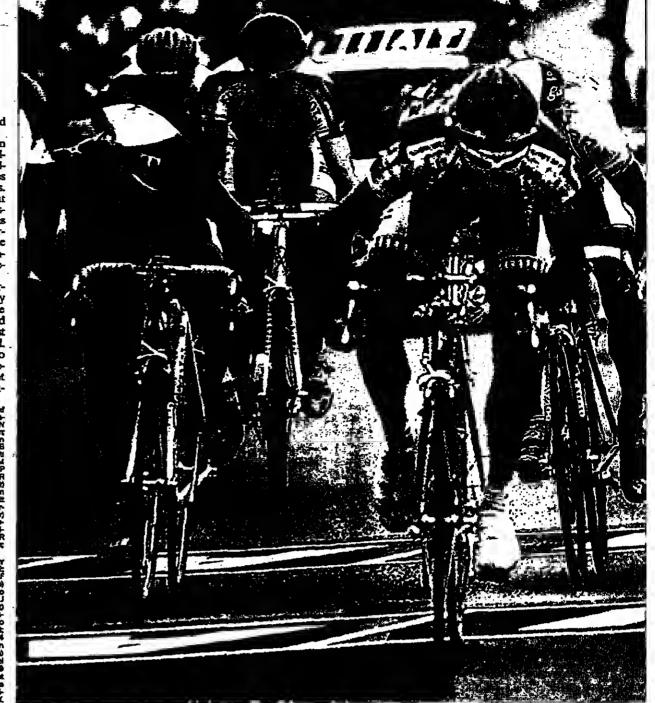
Then, he clocked 50.44kph to beat Miguel Indurain by 56 seconds and prompted Godefroot to tip him as the next Tour win-

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+56:24; 18 B Jusich (IUS) Onlide +59:24; 19
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Mario Traversoni (right) wins the sprint for third place in the Tour yesterday. The Italian was later declared the winner after Bart Voskemp and Jens Heppner were disqualified for dangerous sprinting

Robinson fills vacancy

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Chelmsford Worcestershire 394 & 99-5 Essex 451

The boots that Darren Robinson has to step into may be a pretty daunting size, but at least the cap fits. Robinson, 24, revealed tenscity, timing and temperament as he compiled a career-best 148, his first for two years and only the third of his career. If anyone had any doubts about his ability to take over the vacant opening spot from Graham Gooch, those fears should have been dispelled yesterday.

It was quite an occasion for Robinson, topped off for him when the Essex captain, Paul Prichard, presented the civil ensincer with his county can during the tea interval. On the evidence of his mammoth sixand-a-half hours at the crease, Robinson is unlikely to miss many chances to fill his boots, even if doing the same with Gooch's takes a while longer. It had been a peculiar day. It

had a strange enough start and a hizarre end. Worcestershire contrived to lose three wickets in 17 balls to leave themselves facine almost certain defeat today. They had begun their sec-ond innings 57 runs behind and lost openers Tim Curtis and Tom Moody before they were level. Disaster then struck shortly before the close when Stuart Laws' leg-spin accounted for the first and second-choice

and Gavin Haynes in three balls. And before any of that, Peter Edwards, the Essex secretarymanager, made an official statement to the effect that neither the club nor himself were in any way annoyed at the manner inwhich Gooch had announced his retirement (through a Sunday newspaper article).

It was then revealed that Gooch was spending that part of the day signing 300 scorecards in gold ink, the limited edition to be sold at £5 each within 15 minutes of the end of the match today, the proceeds to go 50 per cent to the club and at Gooch's insistence, the balance to be a contribution to Alan Lilley's benefit fund. A nice gesture.

Gooch's chore was probably more interesting than watching the virtual inaction out in the middle. The Essex plan had been to bat themselves - all day if necessary - into a substantial lead of around 150, but they got a bit bogged down, finishing in no man's land 57 runs in front.

Even Ronnie Irani, usually so

explosive, was on a long fuse which fizzled out. Together with Robinson, a watchful 56 runs were added for the fifth wicket nightwatchmen Steven Rhodes in 30 overs. A further three wickets fell before Essexnosed ahead and it began to look as if they had lost direction. The crowd were losing their patience and there were repeated calls for the batsmen to get on with it, but it was not until the last man, Steve Andrew, emerged that they were appeased.

Andrew's 24, allied to the wicket of Moody, turned him into some sort of a hero. Moody, who had scored all but 10 of those first 51 runs, was the second wicket to fall. Curtis's last innings here ended when he was caught at slip off the bowling of Peter Such, the off-spinner also accounting for Reuben

Kent succeed despite First hat-trick for Tolley Ramprakash century

Kent 208 & 157 Middlesex 105 & 256 Kent win by 4 runs

Mark Ramprakash carried his bat for 113 in a sterling captain's innings at Lord's yesterday, but could not prevent Middlesex losing a see-saw game against London neighbours who had the added satisfaction of moving gly and playing no stroke. Anabove their hosts in the table.

Ramprakash began the day 69 not out and batted magnificently for his third Championship century of the season and the 37th of his career, while Kent were indebted to Zimbabwean spinner Paul Strang, whose 6 for 88 came off 27.2 overs and was his second haul of five wickets or more in an innings this season.

Middlesex began the day 134 for 5-127 short of victory-and Kent made further inroads when the South African Jacques Kallis and Keith Brown were out in successive overs, with only 23 runs having been added.

Kallis dominated the strike during the first 25 minutes, but was then leg before for 22 to a

full-length delivery from Martin McCague, Brown, usually the man for a crisis, swept the first ball he received from Strang and was well caught at

long leg by Ed Smith. Richard Johnson proved the ideal partner for Ramprakash, striking six boundaries in a season's best 33, but fell leg before gus Fraser, having shown stout defence, suffered an unfortunate lapse and skyed Strang to deep square leg with Middlesex

still 25 short of their target. A knife-edge situation made for a tense hunch break with Middlesex within 11 runs of victory. Ramprakash, then on 111 - his 167-ball century having including one six and 13 fours held the key, but he had only the No 11 batsman Phil Tufnell (four not out) for company.

The last-wicket pair had almost made it when Tufnell pre- trick. sented a catch to Trevor Ward at silly mid-off. It was a deflating moment for Ramprakash, but his efforts to engineer an unlikely triumph were nothing short of inspiring.

ROUND-UP

Chris Tolley, the Notting-hamshire left-arm seamer, took the first hat-trick of his career at Grace Road yesterday.

Tolley's first victim was Darren Maddy after the Leicestershire batsutan had reached his third Championship century of the season. Then, as in his hundreds against Middlesex and Surrey, be was out for 103, being trapped lbw this time to the second ball of Tolley's 18th OVEI.

That left Leicestershire 201 for 4 and with his next two deliveries Tolley removed Ben Smith, caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper Wayne Noon, and Paul Nixon, brilliantly snapped up at first slip by Nathan Astic.

In Nottinghamshire's last match against Warwickshire Paul Franks also took a hat-Warwickshire have offered

Phil Neale a new two-year contract to continue as director of coaching at Egbaston. The 43year-old former Worcestershire captain has held the post for

three years since moving from Northamptonshire to succeed Bob Woolmer.

In his first season, Warwickshire retained the County Championship and won the Nat West Trophy. Neale has also played a

prominent part in the England set-up on tours with the A and Under-19 teams and next January he will be taking the side to the World Youth Cup in South Africa.

of John Stephenson and a lack of young talent coming through from Hampshire's Second XI have forced members to call upon the club to make changes. George Pollock, from

200 signatures on a petition the minimum amount needed to enforce an EGM.

members at the County Ground, Southampton, before play starts on the final day of the Championship match with Lancashire. Hampshire have won only

two Championship matches, three in the Sunday League and one in the Benson and Hedges Cup zonai stage against British Universities.

Hampshire are out of the Nat West Trophy and, following the defeat against Glamorgan, speculation began that Stephenson was considering the captaincy to Robin Smith.

"We are a poor team, and it's about time the problem was addressed," Pollock said. "I had no trouble at all getting the required amount of signatures for my petition. Members are furious at the way the club has fallen away in the last few years, and we want something done."

leased their seam bowler John Hughes and Mark Steele, the 20-year-old son of former Northamptonshire, Derbyshire and England batsman David Steele "This could be the start of a more serious pruning pperation," the club's chief exec-

Dale saves the day for Glamorgan

reports from Chesterfield Derbyshire 513-6 dec and 28-0 Glamorgan 364-8 dec

Giamorgan batted much better than they had bowled here yesterday, if that is not damning with faint praise, but still experienced more mishaps than they would have anticipated until Adrian Dale's seventh hundred of the season held things together.

Dale's recent form did not suggest he might be the man to save his side from the embarrassing possibility of being asked to but again a good pitch, but on a day when others tended to perish from their first error he produced an exemplary, old-

fashioned No 3 innings.

Three noughts on his last five visits to the middle no doubt helped to concentrate his mind; playing with admirable straightness he built his innings carefully in the arc between mid-on and mid-off and then patiently waited for errors in length and line.

To Derbyshire's credit these were not as prolific, in these discouraging conditions, as they had been earlier. Phil DeFreitas has handled affairs with imagination since inheriting the cap-taincy and it did not take him long to discover an acceptable formula of using his quicker bowlers with the breeze at their backs and the often neglected off spin of Matthew Vandrau at the other end.

Luck was probably with them at the start when DeFreitas won a marginal lbw decision against Hugh Morris before Vandrau's well-judged catch on the boundary cut off an uncomplicated but decidedly threatening innings by Darren Thomas, the nightwatchman.

After that all the batsmen got a start only to find a way of getting out. Each dismissal merely brought fiercer concentration and a rightening of his belt from Dale. Matthew Maynard took some pressure off him with the way he timed the ball superbly from the start, but just when Vandrau must have been hracing himself for a test of nerve, Maynard flicked him to mid wicket where Adrian Rollins

by bowling a spell to Gary Butcher without a solitary field-

He proved his point, too, by getting him caught at slip. If Adrian Shaw had been sumped off Vandrau, Glamorgan would have been 257 for 7, still 107 adrift of the follow on figure.

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Britannic Assurance County Championship (Third day of four union stated)

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DERSYSHIKE - First immings 513 for 6 due (A S Rollins 148, M R May 116, V P Clarks 76no).
GLAMORGAN - First immings (Overnight: 39 for 2)
H Morris low b DeFreitus
S D Thomas e Vandrau b Harris Dale not out ______142 M P Marmard c Rollins b Vandrau __43

heid a tumhling catch. A piece of quick thinking by Paul Aldred ran out Tony Cottey from silly point, when the batsman overbalanced after blocking Vandrau, and at this point DeFreitas produced something for the cognoscenti

er on the leg side.

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Bowling: Nationim 23-2-84-1: DeFreitas 24-3-96-3: Vandzau 21-5-68-1: Harris 17.5-4-61-2; Aldred 10-3-30-0; Clarke 5-0-25-0.

Essex v Worcestershire

CHELMSFORD: Worcestershire (5pts), with five second-innings wickets standesterable won toes WORCESTERSHERE - First include 394 (K R Spiring 150, V S Solenid 60). ESSEX - First lockings (Overnight: 230 for 3) D II J Robinson b Haynes _______14 fr J Robinso c Leatherdale b Rawnsley

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S J W Andrew st Fihodes Extres (b2 lb7 nb22) ...

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Total (148 overs) 451. Pull (cont): 4-303 5-359 6-367 7-390 8-393 9-398. 120 overs: 337 for 4.

By the time Shaw played on to Devon Malcolm, only 52 were needed. When the target was achieved with the aid of a full-blooded pull for four from Dale it probably, for once, suited both sides.

Bowling: Shenyer 11-2-28-2; Haynes 20-5-53-2; Lampitt 14-4-54-1; High 34-9-79-0; Moody 12-2-50-2; Rounsley 19-8-45-2; Solenio 31-6-98-1; Leetherdale

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DURHAM - Second Invalue (Overnight 3 for 0)

J J B Levis b Sell 81.

M A Roseberry b Alleyre 455

J E Morris c Ossis b Young 55

TO C Boon low b Young 55

M P Speager c Russel b Levis 44

M J Foster c Wright b Davis 10

N J Speak not out 55

J Boling not out Extras (82 nb6) Ideal (for 7, 126 overs). 3 Refs 1-92 2-139 3-198 4-263 5-296 196 7-310. o 7-310. bet J Wood, S J E Brown. pires: J C Battle

Hampshire v Laucashire Lancashire won toss
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dec (M Waterson 135, A Finterfi 117, G
O Lloyd 90, N TWood 82, I D Austin 69no).

henson not out ...

Did not bat: †A N Aymes, S D Udel, R J Maru, S M Milburn, J N B Boyll. Bowling: Martin 14-5-43-1: Stadford 13-2-80-7; Austin 17-5-81-0: Watch aron 19-2-99-1; Yages 31-6-84-1; Gallian 9-1-39-1. 2-59-1; Yags 31-6-84-1; Gallain 9:1
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N T Wood c Aymes b Boxili
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G D Lloyd c Aymes b Milburn
A Flatfor c Maru b Boxili
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J Srestora.
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10-2-42-2; Stephenson 13-3-30-1.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Wiley. Leicestershire v Notts

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(Overnight: 143 for 3)
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N C Johnson not out
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J Omond c Rolley b Otem
D J Milins Dw b Rolley
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D J Milins Dw b Rolley
A R K Pleson b Otem
A D Multally c Archer b Rolley
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- Roll (SS 1991) Pall (cont): 4-201 5-201 6-201 7-217 8-247 9-260. Bowling: Franks 5-2-9-0: Oran 20-9-40. 247 9-200, Bowling: Franks 5-2-9-0; Oram 20-8-49-2; Bowen 20-1-80-0; Tolley 25-8-61-6; As-tie 20-2-50-2; Afzedi 3-1-7-0.

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7-180 8-161 9-182

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Middlesex v Kent LORD'S: Kent (21pts) best Midd Kent won toss KENT - First transacts 208 (A P Wolfs 63). MEDDLESEX - First lanings 105 (M J

KENT - Second innings 157 (J H Kalis 5-54). MEDDLESEX - Second lanings (Overnight: 134 for 5) *M R Ramorales

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J Holflooke 81),
NORTHAMPTONSHERE — First Include
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D J G Sales e Batty b Salesbury 44
A L Perbetthy c M Bicknell 98
J N Snape c Satty b B C Holflooke 52
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J P Tigylor c B c Holflooke 51
S A J Boswell c Ward b Lewis 7
S A J Boswell c Ward b Lewis 12
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5-322 7-345 8-331, 9-349. 120 evers: 381, for 8. Bowling: M P Bicknell 31-8-111-2; Lewis 25.3-7-82-4; Benjamin 16-6-41-1; Sel-isbury 32-4-83-2; B C Holifoelie 10-1-31-1; A J Holitoeke 9-1-36-0; Retcliffe

Second lanings
D J Roberts not out ... attempting to force the county's committee into an extraordinary

general meeting to express their dissatisfaction at what they see as another disastrous season for the club. Concern over the captaincy

Bournemouth, has collected

Hampshire's chief executive. Tony Baker, and the club chairman. Brian Ford, will meet

Warwickshire v Somerset EDGBASTON: Today: 11.0.

WARWICKSHIRE - First lunings

(Second day of four)

Wanwickshire won toss

Northamptonshire have re-

utive, Steve Coverdale, said.

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M A Wegh c Parsons b Caddick ...

D L Hemp c Parsons b Mushtaq ...

D P Cetter c Ecclestone b Mushtaq ...

T L Penney c Turner b Rose ...

N M K Smith b Mushtaq ...

A F Gles b Caddick ...

D R Brown b Mushtaq ...

T Frost not out ...

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Tour match ussex v Pakistan A HOVE: Today: 11.0. PAKISTAN A 306 (Rane Qeyyum

Admir Mahmood 63).
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M Newell Ibw b Azhar
R S C Mentin-Jenians b Abdut
†S Humphries c Qedeer b All
J Bates c and b Shoasb
A A Kitan not out
R J Kirtley b Shoalb
Extras (b5 Ib8 w1 nb18)
Total (82.4 overs)

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PAKISTAN A — First lankage
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Selim Behi low b Edwards
Mujehid Jemsheed not out
Abdul Rezzek not out
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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Final day SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Final day of four): Pontypridde Glamorgan 402 for 2 dec (R V Almond 149, A W Evans 100, A P Davies 62) and 230 U Derrick 62; A D Mascarenhas 6-82); Hampshire 410 for 8 dec (A D Mascarenhas 14/40, W S Kendal 59) and 226 for 8, Hampshire won by two wickets. (Final day of three): Cantorbury: Michelsesx 235 (K P Dutch 65; N J Llong 5-46) and 81 (E J Stanford 6-18); Kent 242 (R W7 Key 72, W J House 75; K P Dutch 4-87, U B A Rashid 4-84) and 75-2. Kent won by eight wickets. The 0val: Surrey 377 (G J Kernis 96, R M Pearson 7910, R W Movell 65; J Smith 5-99) and 52 for 0; Somerest 144 (R Amin 5-63) and 264 (S M Trego 50; R Amin 5-110). Surrey won by 10 wickets. SoShud: Gloucasiershire 148 (D A Altree 5-45) and 354 for 4 (N J Trainor 19110), D R Hewson 99); Warwickshire 443 for 9 dec (W G Kitan 79, M A Sheikin 116, N V Problems).

Tomorrow **AXA Life Leader** (One-day metches, 2.0) CHESTERITELD: Derbyshire v Glamorgan CHELMSFORD: Essex v Worcestershire.

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KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES: A power-packed French challenger can prove best in the world

Helissio to seize heavyweight title

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Racing Correspondent

They run for the diamonds this afternoon, and then the diamonds two for us. Whoever wins Ascot's ladies' race and its bejewelled prize will, uniquely, remember the day for that contest. Everyone else will talk about a King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes which

is stocked with great treasures. In racing nothing is certain, though it appears this after-noon's encounter can only be an anticlimax if Michael Stoute carries out his ghastly suggestion of removing Pilsudski from the hattle. The Newmarket trainer walked the Ascot pastures on Thursday and advised punters to back the five-year-old "with a earned in some minds, the tiruo". Stoute will expect hetter timing from his jockeys today than he managed himself as racing has been talking about, and betting on, nothing else but the

King George for a week now.

If Pilsudski does bring his bulky form to play on ground contests while expending less that may be slightly too firm for evergy than he would in a

him, racegoers will see one of the most extravagantly improved horses these islands have ever produced. Two years ago he could not beat handicappers. Now there is hardly a horse anywhere in the world that can beat Pilsudski. Two that might (and have), however, are in today's field.

Singspiel is also in Pilsudski's yard. The Japan Cup and Dubai World Cup winner has earned more money than any European

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Helissio (Ascot 3.50) NB: Embass (Ascot 3.05)

horse alive or dead and has tle of the best horse in the world. It may be, though, that he can be at his brilliant best this afternoon and still finish third.

The last of the big guns is Helissio, who has developed the knack of winning Group One contests while expending less

3.50 KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group 1) (CLASS A) £500,000 added 1m 4f £294,600
1 113-11 HELISSIO (FR) (27) (II) (E Secanda) E Leitoucha (Fr) 4-8 7
(Yellow, green epsulets)
2 21-321 PLSUDSIR (21) (D) (Lord Weinstroot M Stoke 5 9 7 M J (Game 8 130 (Pale blue, white & yellow check cap)
3 311-21 PREDAPPIO (50) (CD) (Codulptin) Saled bin Surgor 4 9 7 & Staves 7 123
4 114-11 SHAMFOU (IEA) (18) (0) (Sheld Mohammed) J Gorden 49 7 & Haid 1.12
5 121-11 SWGSPIEL (60) (D) (Sheish Mohemmed) M Stouts 5 B 7
8 123-54 STRATERIC CHOICE (USA) (41) (D) (M Abril P Cde 8 9 7 R Cochame 4 125 (Yellow, royal blue cross of Lorraine, armiets & cool
7 2143-2 SWATK (18) (D) (BF) (Godobhin) Seed bin Suppr 5 B 7 1 Red 5 12
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BETTING: 6-4 Hollanio, 9-4 Singapiel, 5-1 Pistochild, 8-1 Predeppie, 14-1 Swain, Kingfisher Mill, 20-1 Shenton, 50-1 Strategic Choice 1998: Pentre 4 9 7 M hits 100-30 (G Wrage) drawn (7) 8 ran

HELISSIO, who sparked in a recent gallop at Chentily, is confidently expected to show HELISSIO, who sparked in a recent gallop at Chantilly, is confidently expected to show this star-studied Said the way home — and provide the Franch with their first success in this provided the Pranch with their first success in this provided the provided the provided the start of the provided the start of the provided the start of the provided the provi November and aboute turn that form Bround even though Michael Stoute's five-year-old also has an admirable record. Singapel took the Dubal World Cup in April and the Cardiation Cup — a race in which Swain beet hin a neck last year — by five lengths. Although he found Plaudish a length and a quarter too good in the Breaders' Cup Turf, Singapel at expected to reverse that form, while he can again take care of Swan and Shandau, who were that and rourth. Singapel, to be radien by Franke Deston — originally on Shantou— can chase Halisso home, Pilaudish best Derby hero Berny The Dip and the unlardy Bosra Shann a length and a quarter and a short head in the Eclipse but before that found Predappio helf a length too good at Royal Ascot. Predappio can again have Pilaudish's measure to fill third spot.

morning canter through Chantilly's pine forests. If he has a weakness it is that he does not seem at his best after travelling. Some observers, and they do not include his trainer, Elie Lellouche, also consider Helissio is not at his omnipotent best on

firmish going.

The other five King George contestants are very good, but it would be a little disappointing if they could enter the kingdom of the big three. Shantou and Swain are well matched in the form book, while the latter's stablemate Predappio already has a Royal Ascot defeat of an undercooked Pilsudski to his name.

Another Royal Ascot winner is Kingfisher Mill, who won the King Edward VII Stakes, beating Palio Sky by eight lengths. Some of the lead horses of today's rivals could also do that. The chestnut is prepared by Julie Cecil, whose father, Sir Noel Murless, won this race with Aunt Edith, Busted and Royal Palace, and the trainer's initials on his saddledoth will give an idea of the outside influence be requires today to win. Kingfisher Mill is the only three-year-old in the race and the absence of solid representation from the Classic generation is the spectacle's only Achilles fetlock.

Strategic Choice was third two ears ago and that will remain his best effort. The six-year-old's main target is the Grand Prix de Deauville and he runs here only because connections have been dutifully paying out the pennies each time a declaration stage has

In such closely matched conditions it may even be that the horses themselves are not the most significant factors. Today's weighing room will be like the United Nations and if there are Toblerone packet-shaped identifying markers on the benches they will carry the names of Ireland, Italy and the United States. The only Englishman in the race, Gary Hind, is the least successful. One of these men will probably win the race with their tactics.

The shape of the competition is such that there is no guaranteed froot-runoer, although Cash Asmussen did make all on Helissio in the recent Grand Prix the horse, "He had a lovely run







around there after a two-month "I now know why the horses that try to get into a race with lay-off because of his bout with the cough and it was a great way him seem to pay for it. The ones to initiate our relationship," that get closest to him haven't the American said. "I was very really been in the race early on. pleased to become part of the I was out the back door on Osrelationship because horses like car Schindler behind a load of him don't come around that of-ten. He's a great addition to the dead wood [in the Prix de l'Arc others I've already ridden and

de Triomphe], and everything that went with him apart from Pilsudski was drunk halfway I've learned something from him. Those kind of horses are down the straight. special and they have something These are a great bunch of de Saint-Cloud, his first ride on to offer which you don't run horses and if Swain is 14-1 that

strength and depth of the race, hot I'm not swapping Helissio

Breeding: By Felry King out of Helice (by Slewpy)

Career record: 11151113-11
(10 starts, 8 wins, 1 place)
Prize-money wort: £1,247,407
Strengths: Powerful galloper who is comfortable setting a pace that

few theis can live with. Weeknesses: May prefer softer

ground. Besten on only occasion

PRISUDSKI

Prisubsku
Age: Five
Height: 16.1 hands
Celeur: Bay
Breeding: By Polish Precedent
out of Cocotte (by Troy)
Breeder: Ballymacoli Stud
Owner: Lord Weinstock
Trainer: Newmarket
Painer: Michael Storte

Trainer: Michael Stoute Jociety: Michael Knane

Career record: 68/20113/2181121/321

(17 starts, 7 wins, 6 places)
Prize-money wor: £1,321,428
Strengths: Resolute horse whose

best form came in his latest race

SINGSPIEL

Age: Five Height: 15.3 hands Colour: Bay Breeding: By in The Wings out of

Glorious Song (by Halo) Breeder: Shelith Mohammed

Owner: Sheikh Mohammed

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(18 starts, 8 wins, 8 places)

Strangths: Has improved into a

tough performer who has shown

versatility in the world's top race: Weeknesses: Held by Pilsudski

Trained: Newmarket

Frainer: Michael Stouts lockey: Frankie Dettori

on Breeders' Cup form.

Weaknesses: Prefers softer ground. Well beaten by Helissio

Rating: 130 Odds: 5-1

This then may be the key. While several will emerge from the jockeys' quarters just after three o'clock today with oo clear mental picture Asmussen will have a gallery. HELISSIO (nap 3.50) has done it from the front and from behind, and today he should do it among such authoritative company that the argument about which is the best speaks for itself about the horse in the world will be over.

So tough it turns victors into victims

Greg Wood looks at a race in which triumph frequently leaves its mark

If they were boxers, an astonishing collection of belts would precede them to the ring. They are the middle-distance turf hampions of three continents, g up for a King George which promises to be the race of the season, perhaps the decade. And if there is one thing which the rich history of the King George teaches us, it is that what it promises, it geoer-

It is the youngest of the great British Flat races, just 42 years old, but the high-summer championship has proved to be a pre-cocious child. You do not even need to have been born when Grundy beat Bustino in 1975 to know that most of those who were would name it as the most exciting contest in living memory, and on either side of that sinnacle there are images which

are no less evocative. In just its fifth running, in 1955, Ribot, rated alongside Sea Bird II as the finest racehorse since World War II, galloped home by five lengths, while the epic manner of Grundy's victory must not overshadow the names immediately before his on the roll of honour. Park Top, Nijinsky, Mill Reef and Dahlia, who remains the only dual winner of the King George.

And mention of Dahlia is a timely reminder of how important Prench-trained horses have been to the history of the King George. She was third behind Grundy and Bustino, in a race which was hilled as a potential classic and outstripped even the pre-publicity, and when Pawneese woo for Daniel Wildenstein 12 months later, the prize crossed the Channel for

the third time in four years. Ever since, though, it has been the French fashion to save their best for the Arc in October, and Triptych, third behind Reference point 10 years ago, was the last runner from France to even make the frame. All of which makes the arrival of Helissio at Ascot this afternoon especially welcome. But if the French were an im-

portant presence during the 1970s, then the somewhat unlikely location of Pulborough, in Sussex, provided some major players in the following decade. Guy Harwood sent out Kalaglow to win in 1982, and then the brilliant Dancing Brave to beat Shardari and Triptych four years later, the latter colt demonstrating in the process that Shahrastani had been fortunate indeed to beat him in the Derby at Epsom.

In 1989, meanwhile, Harwood's Cacoethes came off second-best to Nashwan after a frantic battle to the line, one which scraped the last remains of courage from Nashwan's un-

usually deep reserves. When Nashwan travelled to Paris for his Arc trial two months later, he had nothing more to give when Willie Car-son asked him to quicken. He was beaten for the first time io his career and immediately retired, both the victor and the victim of the King George.

In that, he is far from alone. Grundy was lifeless in the Benson & Hedges Gold Cup at York three weeks after Ascot. and never raced again, while Brigadier Gerard went to the same race after his King George and suffered the first and only defeat of his 18-race career, going down by three lengths to Roberto. There are many others, among them The Minstrel, who showed astonishing courage to beat Orange Bay by a short head in 1977, for whom the King George was a glorious but final appearance before re-

It is not an image which many of today's racegoers will wish to dwell oo - the desire to see a race which lives up to the cast list and the traditions of the King George is too strong for that. Helissio, Singspiel and Pilsudski have already achieved enough on the track to deserve a place in the history books, but if one of them earns a chapter to himself at Ascot this afternoon, let us hope that his spirit survives the experience.

4.30 GAME PLOY (nap) 200 Social Charter 2.35 Cape Cross 5.00 Therhea 3.50 Helissio (nb) GOING: Good (Good to Pirm in places), Penetrometer reading 3.4, STALLS: Straight course — stands side; round course — inside. DRAW AUVANTAGE: None.

STALLS: Straight course – steads side; round course – Iraide. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Kight-hand course with testing upbill finish.

Course is nr junction of ALES and ASSO. Station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members Enclosure 323 (sold out); Grandstand & Paddock \$15; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARK. Free purking available.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Develop - 36 winners from 147 runners gives a nuccess ratio of 17.7% and a profit to a £1 level stake of £65.46; J Garden - 18 winners, 121 runners, 16.7%, £13.01; S Alecharst - 17 winners, 30 runners, 18.7%, £57.41; F Cole - 17 winners, 10 runners, 18.7%, £53.06.

ELEADING JOCKETS: L Dettorit - 39 wins, 222 rides, 16.8%, £58.92; Fax Eddery - 33 wins, 254 rides, 13.0%, £45.06; T Quinn - 29 wins, 200 rides, 14.5%, £6.71; J Reid - 26 wins, 227 rides, 11.5%, £52.0.

ELINKERED FURST TIME: Remand Sun (5.36), WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

ELONG-DISTANCE EUINNEES: Files Brigg (3.05) has been sent 37 miles by W Remy from Duns, Bordens; Terstom (5.00) sent 256 miles by M Wane from Melsouby, North Yorkstire; Forest Trensure (3.05) sent 256 miles by J Berry from Cockerbarn, Lancashire; El Nod (5.00) sent 256 miles by J Berry from Cockerbarn, Lancashire; El Nod (5.00) sent 256 miles by J Berry from Cockerbarn, Lancashire; El Nod (5.00) sent 256 miles by M Camacho from Norton, North Yorkshire.

2.00	EBF GRANVILLE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 270 6f Penalty Value £6,808	BBC1
1	DEEP SPACE (Malgourn Al Malgourn) E Dunion 8 11	K Felion 1
2	DOWER HOUSE (Lord Howard Do Walder) W taves 8 11	Pal Eddery
3	JOISHISHWAY M S Hulakson 8 Meetran 8 11	K Tobbett 2
4	LA-FAAH (Hamdan Al Maktoum) 8 Hills 8 11	R Halle !
5	MRUTAWAWALI (Goodslphar) Screet ban Surgor 8 11	Destroy 3
6	MALIAR (USA) (Horndan Al Maiocum) P Walton 8 11	M J Kinana 4
7	PADDY MCGOON (USA) (J C Smith) D Bowork 8 11	R Cochrane
8	SOCIAL CHARTER (USA) (R E Sangster) P Chapple-Hyern 8 11	

Willie Jarves borned a smart type in Crand Lodge for Lord Howard de Welden is few years ago, the cost misking a winning debut in this event and going on to land the Devinturst Stakes and the St. Jarnes's Paleos. The same combination can click again, this time we the Groom Dancer cost DOWER HOUSE, first foal of Grand Lodge's helf-sister Rose Noble (a winner at a mile and three). The Robert Sangster/Peter Chapple-Hyam/John Red combination won the a year ago with Revious and this time team up with Social Charter. This Nurveyer cost, out of a mare related to smart sprinter Dowsing, prouded most danger. Mutatweed, is by Certision and a helf-brother to useful types Hachlych and Hiveya, while Barry Hits's La-Pash, is out of a mare related to good sprinter Doulab.

2.35 SHAH JAHAN DIAMOND STAKES (CLASS C) BBC1 £10,000 1m (round) Penalty Value £7,133

ADMISSION: Caib 512 (\$10 for OAPs and registered disabled); Tuttersalls \$9 (\$7 for OAPs and registered disabled); Silver Ring & (\$2 for OAPs and registered disabled); Silver Ring & (\$2 for OAPs and registered disabled). CAR PAREL Pres. BLINKERED PIRST TIME: None. WINNESS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Tadeo (\$0.05) won at Newmarket on Saturday.

LONG-DESTANCE RUNNESS: Captain Collian (4.00) sext 292 rules by P Cappide Byum from Manton, Wilshire.

2.15 TATTERSALLS MADEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,500 added 270 6

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ADMISSION: Chib \$12 (\$10 for OAPs and registered disal

John Gosdon and Lydis Pearce won this with I Memory Serves (1990), Sussuration (1991) and Badawi (1992) though the first-named lest the race in the attivents' room. The pear beam up with CAPE CROSS and this Green Depart colt must go well, Cape Cross won a Commission of the last of the Austral Secretary Secretary Additional Commissions and the last of the Austral Secretary Secretary Additional Commissions and Co Dorcaster marken on the last of two juvenile starts in September, deleasing Shape and Sandown Chased Thole witner Voyages Quest a length and a quenter and three lengths. He was beeten only three-queress of 5 length and a head by his stablemance Desert Story And Grape Shot in the Craven Stoles on his return and his unplaced run was in the 2,000 Gurness. Second place tooks booked for Yorkshine, Paul Cole's one-dime Derby hope won his raingle start as a two-jear-old in good style at Salesbury in October and, although unplaced in the Dames on his reappearance, run posedom to half is langth at Dorcaster next time. He followed with a transcript think to Classian before running unplaced in the German Derby. Pick, of the others should be Blieseal Splitt, who has run some good races without winning this season, intost recordly when founds to Jibereen at Newmarket.

Selection: CAPE CROSS

across too often.

3	3.05	PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES (Group 3 (CLASS A) £37,500 2YO TIMES 81 £23,380	1)	
1	1432	ANOTHER FRANKST (50) (Mis P.Ades) R Herron 8 9	Dans O'Not 1 95	
2		ENERGY (LE) (D) (Shelin Mahammed) D (oder 89		
3		PLEY BRING (30) (Dialempre Record W Komp 8 9		
4		FILFILAR (43) (D) (Harrison Al Maldourn) P Waltern 8 8		
5		FOREST TREASURE (12) (Mrs. John Magriet) J Berry 8 9		
8		MISS ZAFONIC (FR) (12) (D) (Missourt; R Haven 89		
7		SOCKET SET (IA) (I C Record) 8 McMahon 8 8		

- 7 declared DETTING: 7-4 Embaney, 2-1 Mise Zaforks, 6-1 French Transure, 13-2 Sector Sef, 5-1 Am. heep, Filling, 46-1 Floy Brigg
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Miss Zafonic was one of the favourities on her introduction at Windoor and justified the con-Miss Ziefonic was one of the Securities on her introduction at Whistor and justified the con-fidence, defeating Dodo three perts of a length. She recorded a fair time and the race is working out well but Pat Eddery - who node her then and also bred her - perment EMBASSSY instead and Dovid Loder's fity can supplement her recent whinking Rowman's obbut. News that Embassy could go a bit had evidently got enoural and she was a 10-11 channe at Nor-market. She stayed on well to score by a length and a quarter. The Cadesius Generous filty, out of Cheveley Park heroine Pass The Pesca, will progress and it worth following. Filely Bridgs, supported from 33-1 to 15-1, beat Foreset Treasurer less than a length in the Hany Hoeder Trophy at Beverley, but Jack Berny's filty is 4th better in and she reversed the piec-ings when they finished fifth and 15th of 18 in the Queen Mary. Selection: EMBASSY

4.30 BARNEY BARNATO DIAMOND RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £20,000 added 1m 2f Penaity Value £12,312 8 10-10 PRESENT ARRES (15) (0) 977 (HAP Prizes Park Sarram P Cole 48 (0)

Min weight: 7st 10ts. Rue handlop weight: Neop Banding, Beid Appeal 7st 8ts. NETTING: 3-1. Plying North, 9-2 Party Romanos, Cas. Cas. Lady, Keep Bat-ting, 13-2 Royal Cellish, 7-1, Lay The Blause, Belsstra, 18-1 Bold Appeal

3.25 NORTH EAST SLAG CEMENT SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 270 67

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		SMEAN (10) (II) (May L Book) D Hards 8811	
		TERTIEN (LA) (D) (John Betor) M Ware 588	
		MONTHWAY (21) 67 & Guidaden & Mes M Falchum) L.G.Cottral 8 8 6M Robert	
		ALHABA (1934) (52) (The Money Mery R Alerhant 483	
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BETTHER: 7-2 Kiefe Pal, 11-2 Amery June, Therison, 6-1 Alliene, 13-2 Kouthery, 8-1 Hi Nod, Terthan,
10-1 Prevent Chance, 12-1 Keyree, 16-1 Lonely Leader, Sutten
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PORTS. GLEDE

THERMEA deserves a win after a succession of second places since scoring at Nottingham lest month. True, he is 7th higher than when heaten half a length by No-Euras at Goodwood, but he was possibly unfody against, Renata's Prince at Sendown afterwords and came up against a being-in-form to Medi at York lest time, when the ground was a shade too fisct. This watered ground, coupled with the limithood of the odd overright shows, should mean Therhole has a suffactio surface and he is sure to go doverright shows, should mean Prait was he'd a length in front of Lestey Lessier (Lib better off) when they were fifth and start to Red Robbo in the Royal Hunt Cup, with Terfalus 13th, Keywes 15th and selfan lest of 32. He's Pai has since been a fair lifth to Clan Ben at Sandown (Mayves eighth), finishing Last over a length behind runner-up Alasky Janus, John Durlop's 8th was having only her second run of the session and can pose the chief threat to Theries. Raywes, who won this next we years aso, has dropped to a good mark and should not be withen off. Neither her second run of the season and con pose the chief threat to Therines. Key this nest two years ago, has dropped to a good mark and should not be write should Nothern raider 18 Ned, a good third to incident at York last time, and Pre-

5	.35	VENETIA DIAMOND HANDICAP (CLASS C) £1 1m 4f Penalty Value £7,100	0,000 added
1		HOREEY BOWL (10) Paul Mallori I Balding 5 10 0	
2		KING KATO (12) (0) (Airs JOTTY ENG Mits A Portex 4 9 12	
3	436-04	DARCE SO STATE (12) 50; (16 Guest) P Cate 5 B 11	
4		THEYVOR (21) (CD) (Seyrour Bloodened) Lady Herdes 7 8 10	
5	5512-0	COPS PETTE (38) Oh's D MacReel Mrs J Cool 49 10	Pot Eddary
8		REMAAUX SUM (7) (D) (Tiests Barler) M Usher 5 8 8	
7		SHARP CONSUL CLAP DAY DOA'D BACKBURG H Condy 5 B 8	
8			K Fallon
9	561-00	PLIAL (19) (D) (ARR J Semple) 8 Mindren 4 8 D	
10		ELANE-MOU CLTS) presied Limited 5 Don 4 8 13	
11		PLONENTINO (12) (IP) (Left Herrigan) 8 HBs 4 8 10	
12		20509C SPRAY (2.4) (D) () T Hestage) C Hurgen 8 8 9	
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DANCE SO SUFFE, who wound up lest season with a seath of 22 to Cition Fox in the November Handicep, was well beaten behind Mejor Change on his Epsom return but shaped much better at Whoter Lim 21) 12 days ago when fourth of nine to Sir Telbot, Paul Coler numer looked as though he would benefit from the run end did well to finish so close over a trip short of his best. He has dropped 2th since then, meaning he is just a pound higher than when lest winning, and fees Mck Kinarie in the seddle. Ming Kato will be a big demoter. He possed that socount in the exposted eight when feed with a retrievely easy task at Fobiastonia lest time having been third to Rocky Daste on his Leicester return in April. This stiffer course and likely easing ground will ask him better than Fobiastonia. Verifiate bounced back to form at Chester when beening Twifight Sleep times lengths having not enjoyed the best of runs, but this is tougher and he is 6th higher. Tylesvor had Rockeby Bowl, Oope Pretties (un'usky) and Flexible brind when sion to Zerdieske in the Bestsborough Stakes here. Rokeby Bowl has since owne good in a Sandown limbed stakes and he should have the measure of Tylesvor now design meeting him 25b worse for under a length, while Oops Petite Is sure to do better.

KING	GEORGE	ROLL	OF HONG	UR
Year	Wittee	Training	Jockey	Time
1996	Pentire	G Wragg	M HIPS	2,28.11
1995	Language	S Bin Surpor	L Detton	2,31.01
1994	King's Theotre	H Cecil	M Kinane	2.28.92
1993	Opera House	M Stoute	M Roberts	2.33.94
1992	St Jours	J Bolger	S Crains	2,30,85
1931	Generous	P Cole	A Munra	2.28.99
1990	Belmez	H Cecil	M Kinane	2.30.76
1969	Nashwan	Dick Hern	W Carson	2.32.27
1965	Mitoto	A Stewart	M Roberts	2.37.33
1987	Reference Point	H Cecff	S Cauthen	2.34.63
1956	Dencing Brave	G Herwood	Pat Eddery	2,29.49
1985	Petosid	Dick Hem	W Carson	2.27.61
1984	Teennso	G Wrage	L Piggott	2.27.95
1963	Time Charter	H Candy	J Mercer	2.30.79
1962	Kalaysow	G Harwood	G Starkey	2.31.8

ASCOT 2.00: Peter Chapple-Hyam has by far the best record of these train-ers for first-time-out winners and but of the multiple Group-race win-ner Revoque. His runner, SOCIAL CHARTER, should hold Mutawwaj Al Maktoum's first colours.

2.35: CAPE CROSS and Vorkshire started the season as Classic rospects and while the latter has proved rather headstrong and deleriorated with each run, the se-lection was not disgraced when third in the Craven Stakes or even when eighth in the 2.000 Guineas. Cape Cross also has the benefit of having by far the most experienced and shed rider in the race.

3.85: The three which canch the eye are Embassy, Miss Zafonic and FULFILAH, and while it can be ar-



ore potential as they are mode ted after their only starts, the se lection was impressive in putting her experience to effect when winning at Goodwood last time.

3.50: It is not just that HELISSIO has won all bar two of his 10 starts those events, mainly at Group On level, that is so impressive. Pilsu and Singspiel, who is at ease on this fast ground, are certainly impoving bulso are Predappio and Shanton and the battle for the places should be closely fought.

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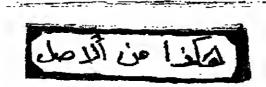
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McRae stunned by record defeat

DAVE HADFIELD

The St Helens coach, Shann McRae, was in a despairing mood after his side gained the dubious distinction of being on the wrong end of the most embarrassing result yet for a British side in the World Club Championship.

Saints, European Super League's reigning champions, were thrashed 70-6 by an Auck-land Warriors outfit still bottom of the league on the other side of the world.

"I don't know whether you'd call it embarrassing or insulting," he said. "It was the sort of game that makes coaches want to hand in their notice and get on with something else in life.

"We have completely undone all our good work against Cronulla on Monday. I said it
was going be tough playing so
soon after that - but it wasn't

Matterson to loose forward. 70-6 worth of tough."

The pattern of Auckland pun-

established in the first 30 seconds with the first of the Warriors 12 tries. Gene Ngamo finished with three, while Saints only bright moment was a try from Alan Hunte soon after half-time.

We don't seem to be improving when we play against better opposition," McRae said. "Our guys had smiles on their faces when Auckland beat Bradford 64-14: We've lost by more than them, so how bad does that make ns?"

The London Broncos must try to follow up their memorable victory over Canberra without the invaluable assistance of Shaua Edwards when they play Brisbane tomorrow.

tion from the bench swing the game on Monday, has suffered a reaction from his troublesome hamstring. Josh White comes in at scrum-half, with Robbie

Matt Dunford is also out with a broken hand and Steve ishing St Helens' mistakes was Rosolen with a badly bruised

London's British-born players, Matt Salter and Ady Spencer, are added to the squad. Halifax welcome back John

Bentley for his first game of

rugby league since returning from the British Isles tour. Bentley, who is still under con-tract to Halifar despite being loaned to Newcastle and the Lions, is named on the right wing against Canberra, with David Bouveng moving to ceotre. Salford bave their Australian

Test forward, John Cartwright, back for the first time since breaking his arm early in the season for the visit of the North Queensland Cowboys. His international team-mate,

the Cowboys' captain, Ian Roberts, expects to be fit after being forced off with a neck injury during his side's defeat at Oldham last weekend. Wigan still have doubts over Tony Smith and Lee Hansen for

Monday's game against Can-terbury, but Bradford hope to have Robbie Paul back against St Helens' Paul Newlove grappies with Auckland



Warriors' Lee Oudenryn yesterday Photograph: Empics rugby and that there is no

Clubs dismiss plan for return to winter game

to winter rugby for clubs outside the Super League have been

dropped.
The First and Second Division Clubs' Association met at Dewsbury yesterday to discuss s merger with the amateur game, a move seen as paving the way for an end to summer rug-

by after just two seasons. The clubs agreed to proceed with unification talks with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla), but made it clear there would be no Uturn on summer rugby.

A Rugby Football League

spokesman said: "There is a possible opportunity to make real progress with the amateur game through constructive dialogue. It has been unanimously sereed that the RFL board of directors should decide the composition of a joint negotiating committee with a view to taking the matter forward so that negotiations can recom-

There was also an overwhelming desire by the clubs present at the meeting that they should stay with summer

longer an option of returning to playing in the winter." A row had broken out after

initial private discussions be-tween Barla officials and Bob Scott, the general manager of the First and Second Division Clubs' Association. Malcolm White, chairman

of Swinton, had warned that some clubs were so angry over what he called undercover talks that they were considering pulling out of the association. Mike Morrissey, the Barla chairman, has welcomed the possibility of unification, saying:
"A window of opportunity has opened for the game of rugby

league and egos should not

stand in the way of progress."

The newly formed Scottish
Rugby League swings into action tomorrow when Linlithgow meet Lomond Valley Raiders and Inverness take on White-

craigs of Glasgow. Grangemouth, who have a bye this weekend, are the fifth members of the League, whose other three clubs, Scottish Students, West of Scotland and Cardonald, are not thought strong enough yet to compete

The Godolphin filly Shuhrah

upset the well-touted Ashraakat

to make a winning debut at As-cot yesterday. She was pro-moted to 16-1 favourite for

next year's 1,000 Guineas by William-Hill after securing a

length and a half victory over the

4-6 favourite, Frankie Dettori

led from the outset and, while

Ashraakat fought for the room

and bags of potential." John Dunlop was disap-

lengthen," he said.

pointed with the performance

of Ashraakat, like the winner a

Coral make Shuhrah their

16-1 joint-favourite with Cape

daughter of Danzig, "I was very disappointed. She seemed to get a bit tired and didn't pick up or

The launch of SRL 97, which ends on 24 August, follows the recent international between Scotland and France at the Firhill stadium in Glasgow.

Salford's move for Oldham's unsettled forward David Bradbury looks certain to go to an independent tribunal. The Reds have offered £50,000 for the Great Britain player, who is on the transfer list at £200,000.

Sheffield Eagles beat North-ern Territory 28-6 in a friendly in Darwin yesterday, with tries coming from Darren Turner (2), Willie Morganson, Matt Crowther, Johnny Lawless and Lynton Stott, Mark Aston and David Mycoe each kicked one

Castleford's Super League meeting with the London Bron-cos at Wheldon Road has been brought forward from Sunday 10 August to Friday 8 August at 7.30pm because it is being

shown live on Sky Sports.
If Loodon fail to beat Castleford, Bradford Bulls could clinch the title by beating their only other rivals. Leeds, at Odsal two days later in a match that will also be screened live,

Ten horses yesterday stood

their ground at the five-day

stage for Wednesday's Sussex

Stakes at Goodwood. Favourite is David Loder's Starborough,

winner of the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot when besting Air Express.

His stable yesterday con-

firmed the three-year-old an in-

tended runner and he could

Shuhrah tops 1,000

Guineas market

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6.25 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 270 filles 7f

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6.45 DIGICON GEOPHYSICAL SELLING STAKES (CLASS &) £2,875 added

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7.55 STANDEN HOMES HOLDINGS HANDICAL (CLASS C) £7,325 added 71

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1-0005 MIGH-DO4 (DS) (E) / E, Main 4 8 7.______ J Tells 1
0-0005 MIGH-DO4 (DS) (E) / E, MIGH 2 8 8 8._____ J Tells 1
0-0006 THESINE SMARC (LS) (CD) O Staw 4 8 6.____ J Tells 1

7.35 RACING MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added

7.15 BALLEYS ORIGINAL FISH CREAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900

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7.45 LADBROKE HANDICAP (CLASS E) 54,025 added 3YO 2m

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8.55 GIN HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900 added 1 232506 BROADSTARS BEAUTY (27) (CD) D Stew 7 9 18 ..

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MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 8.35 E) £4,025 added 2YO filles of 0 Bitlinder Robe (60) 1) D'hell 8 11. 23 D'HAPIT (26) C Booth 8 11. 2356 ELEOPOR D'ARROUSE (7) 8 Medium 8 11. 2 FICSBURG (22) M W Bushdy 8 11. LADYOPOSINEEDIN J Mannedys 8 11. LADYOPOSINEEDIN J Mannedys 8 11. ALAYOPOSINEEDIN J Mannedys 8 11. MESER DF LINE D (coder 8 11. MESER AM JOYNSON 8 11.

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		Enlisted, 5-2 Pastall, 4-1 Epworth, 7-1 Zerbe, 8-1 Northern
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8.15 ASHURST LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) 53,300 added 77 (AW)

8.45 SEVENOAKS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 370 1m 3f 108yds

000- DRIFT (387) Sr M Prescott 9 3 _______C 65523 SRIME WEST (384) (15) P Cale 9 2 ______ 000 PUTEN WEST MOTEN (44) Say Kellevey 9 1 ... R Co

5 000 PUTEN WESTWOTTH (AC 9 pt Allerty 9 1 ... P. Cochruse 6
8 052 SIPWS (13) 9 O'Rion 8 4 ... Done 0'Holf 4
7 -40052 BEHTCHING LADY (15) 9 Adjulyon 7 13 ... F Treach (3) 2
BETTWC: 9-4 France, 5-2 Arietty, 4-1 Resultabling Lady, 11-2 Suring West, 8-1 Silms, 10-1 Delly, 18-1 Policy Westbrooth

122461 KROSNO (15) (CD) S C Williams 9 7 ____ 545 ARLETTY (15) H Cool 9 4 _____

2.05: 1. HALF-HITCH (W Ryen) 10-1; 2. Likely Story 1-2 fee; 3. Delciana: 10-1. 8 ran. 2, 9. (D Loder, Newmerket). Tota: £6.30; ran, 2, 9, D Loder, Neumarkett, Totar, ES.30; £2.50, £1.20, DP: £3.10, CSF: £14.75, NR: 5880dess, Frendly Warning, 2.85; 1. BENZOE (D Harrison) 9-4 fav; 2. Grand Chapeau 12-1; 3. Cambouneur 9-1. 18 ran, Ns. 3, Rist Jeansden, Thristi, Totar £3.00; £1.50, £2.50, £1.80, £1.90, DR: £45.20, CSF: £31.53, Tricase; £219.03, Tric £137.20

est £379.54. Tricast £2,821.84. Trio:

Moon Strille 11-2, 13 ran. 11/s, hd. (M W Easterby, Sheriff Hutton). Total: £6.00; £1.80, £2.10, £2.60. Dust Forecast: £10.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £27.22. Trost: £148.67. Yots Titl: £9.30. 3.50: £1 MANAZE. (R Hills) §-1; 2. Rodi-

bets, deduction 15p in the pound. Shaye 9-4 fay; 3. Saefaya 11-4, 8 ran. 3, hd. (M Stoute, Newmarket). Tota: £2.90; £1.50, £1.10, £1.30. Dual forecast: £3.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £7.92. legislate not won. Pool of £10,878,31 car-

ried forward to Ascot today.
Placepot: £57.30. Quadpot: £7.30.
Place 6: £60.45. Place 6: £51.10.

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5.20 NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE 4 0042- SCAPREN F22; (II) 9 10 8 A Nagaro - 4 declared -(CLASS E) £3,000 2m 3f /4P6-0 KILCARNE BAY (10) 7 11 10 R Job 42-141 RED LIGHT (12) (C) 5 11 8 A P McCov B 51-03 TURNAL HOUSE (F21) 5 11 8 __B Powell 60-11 VECTAGE TARTIDISER (FB) 5 11 8 ____ 4.45 NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,075 added 2m 1f 110yds 5032-1 HAR CASTLE (42) (0) 811 5... 6/23-4 SUSSIA (42) 810 13 (17) 9 10 11 .

413F2- DANE ROSE (119) 11 10 7 ... R Do COPP CHELLY LAD CLOS 8 10 7.

DETTING: 7-4 Visings Talkinger, 4-1 Turill House, 5-1 Sussi-ja, 13-2 Red Light, 8-1 Visionne Bay, 19-1 Apollores, 14-1 Super Serves, 16-1 Dane Rose, 33-1 others

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BES IN LAST SEVEN DATE: None, DISTANCE BUNGERS: When Book (L. 26) OF TAILINGS (L. 20) SEE official Science

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to challenge, the filly kept up the renew rivalry with the Clive Britgallop to win going away. tain-trained runner-up. Other "We heard that the runnerpossible starters include Aidan up was a seriously good filly and O'Brien's Irish 1,000 Guineas slightly lost confidence about winner Classic Park and the our chance," said racing manager Simon Crisford. "She's Michael Stoute-trained pair, Among Men and Faithful Son. been working for quite some Godolphin could be repretime and a couple of niggling sented by Allied Forces or Alproblems have kept her off the baarth, the latter the winner of track till now. She has an engine

the International Stakes at the Curragh on his latest start, while the sole northern representative is Mark Johnston's Gothenberg.

Sussex Stakes acceptons Alheerth, Ali-Roy-el, Alled Forces, Gothenberg, Air Express, Among Men. Fanful Son, Starborough, Wolf Mountain. Chestic Pad.

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for: 2. Canton Venture 3-1; 3. In The Mon-ey 5-1. 5 ran. 2%, 5. (M Johnston, Middle-ham). Total: £1.80: £1.10. £2.10. DF:

£2.40. CSF: £3.56. 3.40: 1. ALCONLEIGH (J Wesver) 11: 10;

2. Belladora 5-6 lar, 3. Two Williams 16-1. 2 ran. 2½, 1. (M. Johnston, Middleham). Tota: £1.8. DP: £1.10. CSP: £2.19.

tav; 2. Bernburgh Boy 9-2; 3. Beyond Cal-culation 100-30. 11 ran. Nr. 2½. (M Stoute, Nowmenter). Tota: £4.40; £1.50, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £12.45. Tno:

£37.50.
4.40: 1. POLARIZE (K Darley) 7-2; 2. Indexelli 3-1; 3. Mutahadath 8-1. 13 zmn. 11-4 fav Bollero (5th). 3, hd. (T D Barron, Phirst), Tokes £5.70; £1.70, £1.40, £2.80.
DF: £10.00. CSF: £14.14, Tricast: £64.47.

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2.15; 1. SHARRAH (L. Dettori) 6-4; 2.

2.45: 1. RUSK (N Day) 20-1; 2. Benjamins Law 25-1; 3. Meglic Combination 11-2, 10 rat. 9-4 for Bollvar (6th). Hd, 1. (J Pearce, Neumarkst, Tate: £3) 30; £7.00; £4.60, £1.50. DP; £138.00. Computer Straight Fore-

Computer Straight Forecast: E34.22. Non-Runner: Boring Gifts, Bering Gifts (5-1) with-feaser and under statements. 5.00: 1. KAYFTARA (M.) Knone) 5-2: 2.

WOLVERHAMPTON
1.5S: 1. HAIAT @ Fassey) 3-1; 2. Masstur Foley 5-2 fox; 3. Midnight Times 25-1.
7 ran. Hd, 114. II Berryl. Tota: £3.40; £2.00,
£2.40. DF: £5.10. CSP: £11.03.
2.25: 1. COLINS CHOICE @ Fassey) 18-1;
2. Bailed 15 MB: 10-1; 8. The Fassey 18-1; led To Hit 10-1; 8. The Exec fav. 11 ran. Ni., hd. (J Speering). Totes: £23.70; £3.10, £3.40, £1.80. DF: £82.50. 23.10; 23.10; 23.40; 1-1.00; D7: 25.20; CSF, £1.46.22; Tno: £136.90; 3.25: 1. MHGPS DOUBLE (R Firerch) 5-4; 2. Nobelino 8-1; 3. Castie Ashby Jack 4-5 fax. 7 ran. 1½, 2½, Quag Gay (Felloway), Tota: £2.60; £1.00, £5.30, DF: £15.70, CSF: £11.19

2.60: £1.00. £5.30. DF: £15.70. CSF. £11.19.
4.00: £1. CHEROKEE FURNT (J Quirn) 25-1; 2. Sparity 8-1; 3. Bon Guest 8-1, 13 ran. 9-4 fav File Major. 1, 27-1; S Mellor). Tota: £3.80: £2.90. £3.40. £2.70. DF: £73.00. CSF. £187.32. Tricsst: £1,783.35. Tric: £71.80.
4.35: £1. OPERATIC (M Ferton) 4-1; 2. Katie's Creatior 5-1; 3. Last Lap 10-1. 8 ran. 9-4 fav Siew Mage. ½, 3½. [M Boll). Tota: £4.30: £1.40. £1.70. £2.40. DF: £21.20. CSF. £24.07. £1.40. £1.70. E2.40. DF: £21.20. CSF. £24.07. £1.40. £1.70. E2.40. DF: £21.20. £1.81.64. §4. (K Cornerford). Tota: £91.00; £1.450. £1.90. £2.00. DF: £1.48.50. CSF. £1.37.75. Tricast: £631.06. Tric: £21.69.0

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2.40 HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,800 added 2m 1f 110yds 5222-P MIL O'DE MAS DA EN 8 11 10 ... 522-P MIL O'THE ROBES (AND PARTY CO)
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3.15 CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m if 11Dyds 2-3,000 SOURS 22T LT LEDYOS

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James Parrack represented Britain as a swimmer for eight years, appearing at one Olympics and winning a Commonwealth silver medal. But one of his greatest experiences was helping Eva Mortensen to swim the Channel

Assault on swimming's Everest

hen Eva stepped out of the cold water she was hright red and perfectly calm. This was not at all what I had expected. She slowly dressed herself on the banks of the deserted Yorkshire reservoir and we made our way to the car. She said she felt "OK", hui she still had oot started shivering. Right then I knew we were in very serious trouble. I calculated that the oearest hospital was half an hour

away .
"I feel strange," she said. "My head hurts." She had lost all colour from her face. Immediately, I stopped the car and dragged her out.
"Start walking," I said urgently. Quickly, we have to walk."

We had been told that if the warning signs are ignored, hypothermia can be fatal. Fortunately, within two or three minutes, Eva's body was shaking uncontrollably and theo she started hitching like hell about the cold. "Thank God" I thought, as this was the first indication that she would return to normal and that the crisis was over, but it would take her 10 days to overcome her fear and return to the cold water.

A week earlier, in May 1996, I had accompanied Eva Mortensen, my Danish girlfriend and fellow Olympic swimmer, to Dover, to begin her fourmonth preparation to swim the Channel. Known around the world as the ultimate open water challenge, Eva had been fascinated with it since the age of seven. A Danish cit-States, Eva and I had been living and training in Leeds as full-time swimmers for the last two years. Neither of us was selected for the Atlanta Games and in April last year, aged 26, she decided to train for the Channel. The most fascinating chapter of my swimming life was about to

kilometres (37 miles) a week as an international swimmer for the last 10 years, the 21 miles was not going to be the problem. For a slim competitive athlete with little body fat, the real problem during a swim likely to last more than 10 hours was going to be the cold. "The best insulation is a layer of fat. Another good insulator is the mind, but you have to be incredibly strong," Alison Streeter told us in Dover. Alison has made the swim a staggering 35 times and is in Dover every weekend from May helping hopeful Channel swimmers acclimatise. But, living in Leeds, it was just the exposed moorland north of Bradford, we found a windsurfing reservoir, and this is where Eva trained.

After ber initial shock, the painfully cold trips lasted just six or seven minutes. It was odd that she could only stay in for such a short time when her first dip at Dover lasted 14 minutes. By mid-June, she could still only manage 15 minutes: it was a de-

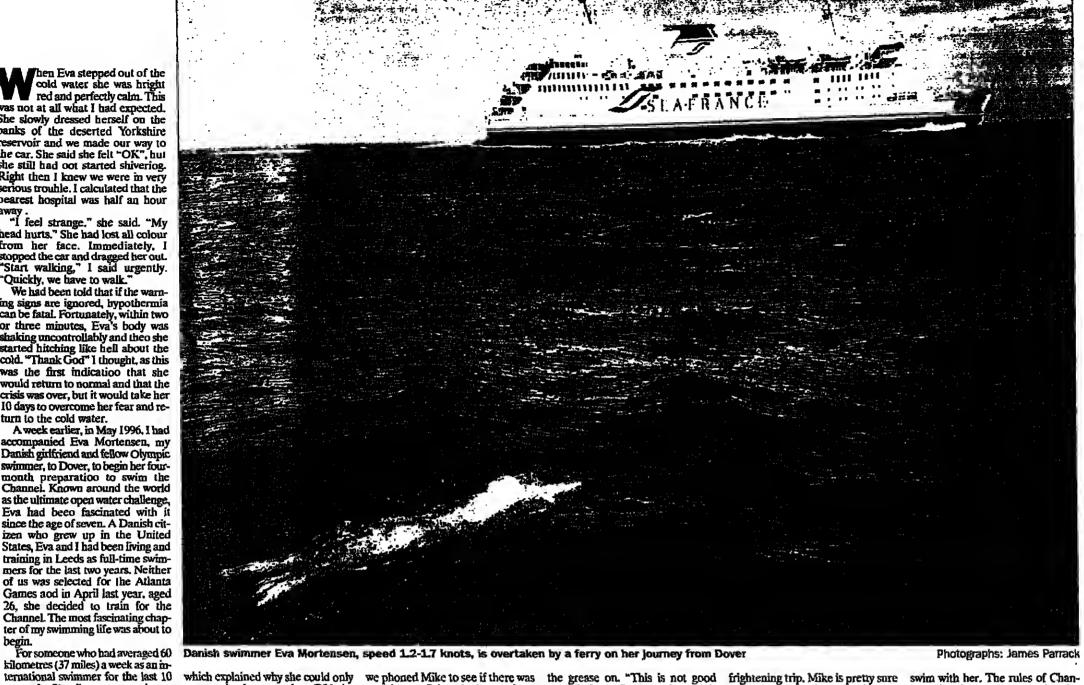
moralising month. With no sign of progress, going to the reservoir became harder and harder. It was distressing, too, wheo a paltry half hour would wipe her out for most of the evening. Half an hour is so effortless in a pool that clearly here was a completely new swimming experience for both of us.

As the time to go came round, I found myself in a difficult situation. She would try to talk me out of taking her and it was tempting not to. It was hard for me to see her keep getting beaten by the elements and to keep picking herself up to go back for more. She needed someone to help her through, but I could not tell her to do something we both knew I was not prepared to do myself. It was a constant struggle for which the years of a determined competitive swim-

ming career had prepared her well. At the end of June she entered the National 25km race in Ullswater and lasted just over an hour in the 57degree water. It was depressing to think that one hour in June had to become, possibly, I2 hours by August. That kind of suffering didn't bear thinking about.

In early July, we returned to Dover and made a crucial discovery: we realised that the reservoirs up north had been colder than the sea.

Each day we watched the weathus off balance. She's stressing out and er lorecasts and each day at 7 o'clock I'm doing a hopeless joh of putting



which explained why she could only manage the shorter sessions. With the sea at 59 degrees, Eva swam for four and a half hours in the filthy water of Dover harbour. She emerged with her face blackened from garbage spewed out by the ferries, bored and miserably cold, but began to believe for the first time that the cold water swims in Yorkshire were finally beginning to pay off. We speot the rest of the day playing tourist and, pointing at France, I said unhelpful things

reek, Eva leit Englad to take entrance exams to medical school io the United States. She was gone a month and trained at an open water club in San Fraocisco. The sea lemperature there is 60 degrees, and this is where she completed her timed six-hour cold water qualification swim which is required by the Channel Swimming Association before they will let any one attempt the Channel. She arrived back on 20 August ready to go.

like, "Look! It's only over there."

Apart from the problem of the dis-tance and the cold, the Channel is about waiting for the right time - the oeap tides. Swimmers cross during these neap tide windows because there is too much water flowing through the Channel during a spring tide to make a swim possible. If the frustrating English weather fails to co-operate, swimmers wait 10 days for the next one. Our ocap tide window was 16 to 26 August.

Eva was set to go on 22 August and we arrived in Dover the day before to swim and relax. The weather had been calm for two days and we were both very excited. But when we checked in with our boat pilot, Mike Oram, at 7pm the weather had changed and he said that there was no chance of going tomorrow. Or the next day. Or, by the looks of things, all week. Eva was returning home to the States on the 28th and h was easy to get angry with Mike, as if it was his fault the weather had turned. We hlamed him for ruining all the preparation and for taking Eva's dreams away with a simple "Sorry, no". We returned to friends in Tunbridge Wells devastated.

Each day we watched the weath-

we phoned Mike to see if there was any chance. Others had come from across the world and were never given the chance. The furthest we had travelled that week was from the other side of Kent.

Then, miraculously, at 7 o'clock on Monday 26 August, 38 hours be-fore her flight home, Mike said, "If she wants to go, we can go tomor-

Panie! We packed. We measured out the food and drink. We carefully checked we had everything, went to bed and then got up to check it all over I had confidence in her. Having made six hours, I knew she could make eight or 10. We arrived in Dover at 9am and met Mike at his 30ft cabin cruiser, the Sea Satin. We were accompanied by his wife, Angela, the official Channel observer, and their son, Lance.

enough, James," she scowls, but it is all I can do not to barf. At 10.25 she swims to the shore, clears the water on the English side and takes her first few strokes towards France Up on the deck, the boat is now

filthy. The only hope of cleaning grease off someooe is with next washing-up liquid, which has leaked out of my bag and all over the floor. There is lanolin grease everywhere and poor Lance spends the first half hour of the swim wiping it all off. I watch helplessly, too ill to move. It other 14 hours of this.

The sun is shining in a clear blue sky and, slowly, I start to calm down. Feeding in the Channel is very important. Food scieoce has come a long way from the steak and chips of old, and modern carbohydrates

hers is going to be a "really bad patch". I give her some water and it comes straight up again.

She could be sick because the Max-

im drink is too concentrated and is . being rejected; she is swallowing seawater; or she has taken the same seasickness pills I did and they patently aren't working. Mike advises me to lay off the Maxim and at the three-hour feed she has a coffee. And carries oo being sick. In 1994 she competed in a 10-bour race in Canada where she was sick for an bour and a nail. My concern here is the cold The water temperature in Canada was 72 degrees and today it is 61.

She manages to hold down a very weak blackcurrent juice sweetened with a teaspoon of fructose. At four hours she takes some aspirin for a headache and at four hours and five

Think of something, Jim. Sha won't even be close.

"And then you'll be close." I say Mike does not think this is a good plan. He wants to know what l'il say in nine feeds' time. Well I figure I'll drive off that bridge when I get to it. Maybe she'll lose count. I look ahead, but France is still looking aw-

Never tell them whereabouts they are, or how far they have got left, re the general rule. Be encouraging and be vague. Tell them to pick it up and they will be there quicker. Simple log-ic like this always baffles a delirious Channel swimmer

At seven and a half hours she has been holding down the blackcurrant and fructose and I begin to add very small amounts of Maxim. Her teeth are chattering and she wants more aspirin. She is getting annoyed that I am not answering her questions of how far to go with direct answers. This is a good sign. If she is complaining she is OK. It's when they go quiet that the pilot will start to watch very closely for signs of hypothermia.

he looks awful. Then, out of the blue, she asks in a quiet. miserable voice, "Will I do it in under 10 hours?" and my world stops. Her pain is breaking my heart but I'm helpless, Like a protective mother to her child, I want to scoop her out, hold her tight and shelter her from all this suffering. But it is has set her mind on the next few hours and has resolved one way or another to deal with it. Her pace is slightly up and Mike is amazed. He wants me to be even more encouraging. She could finish in under 11 hours if she can keep this up.

I jump in again and after a pitiful 15 minutes my shivering can once more be felt all over the boat. What

But something has happened to her. Over the next hour she stops complaining and her stroke-rate and speed both increase. She is back on to weak Maxim and is taking all the drinks without any difficulty. At eight and a half hours the entry in the observers' log reads. Sileot and determined now.

France is looking so large now and yet the last two to three hours are interminable. Nine hours, nine and a half hours. She is inching towards her goal, desperate to get there but apparently making no progress. "Am I there yet?" she asks exasperated.

ىمىس بى س go and their destination ports all over from France!" I yell. But it takes an hour to get 1.000 yards from France have been in space than swum the and by this time the sunshine is long gone and it's pitch black. If she passes out oow, the lide would wash her up oo the beach but I can't help feeling that to be washed unconscious onto a French beach would not really be the ideal way to finish.

Unfortunately, she can't see anything in the darkness. As it is now too shallow for the boat, I'm in again to lead her to the beach, but she can't see me either. They are shouting directions at us but we're floundering. It's maddening to be so close and to feel like oeither of us is getting anywhere. We don't know just how close we are. And then all of a sudden Eva realises we're swimming in three feet of water and can stand up. She runs up on to the beach, throws her arms in the air and screams.

It's 9.1 Ipm. Ten hours and 46 minutes after starting, and 43,000 strokes later, she's made it. She's conquered the English Channel.

It is a three-hour nide back to England. She talked like a waterfall. II hours of pent-up thoughts turn-bling out of her. We sat on the top deck of the boat in the cold and the wind with blankets around us. In the two and a half years I'd known her I had oever seen her looking so radiantly happy and so at peace. She was exhausted, cold, dirty and her body was in so much pain; but she was loving it. I left her to her thoughts and reflections on her achievement and her immense pride. Even though I felt as though I had oothing to do with it, it was without doubt one of the greatest swimming experiences of my life.

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cording to how long the swim is ex-pected to take. The tide takes you in an 'S' shape and for a 10-hour swim Jour expectation) our start time was set for 10.30am. All being well, the tides would wash Eva on to one of the long beaches that sweep north from Cap Griz Nez. The pilot's navigation of the tides is crucial. It is not unknown to come within a quarter of a mile of land and have to stop because the tide

just will not let you in. The 20-minute boat trip to the starting point is intense. It seems awfully rough to me. The official log de-scribes the sea as "its usual lollopy swell." "Flat," Mike calls it and after only 15 minutes I'm feeling queasy.

I try to help Eva grease up, which is occessary to protect against chaf-ing from the swimsuit and the cold. But the rocking of the boat as it hits another swell is constantly throwing

can be taken in a simple, drinkahle form. When the Sea Satin hlares her noisy siren. Eva will approach for the first of many feeds.

The half hourly feeds are taking around 20 seconds and after an hour she settles into a comfortable 1.7 knots (1.95mph) at 72 strokes per minute. The first ferry passes us 400 metres to port. It is a frightening sight, but after several hours I get used to how close they come and start to enjoy the company. Eva is oblivious to it all.

At only two and a half hours we hit problems. Eva starts throwing up. This is a very bad sign. She oeeds the drinks to stay inside, to fuel the muscles and, more importantly, to have any chance of fighting the cold. Without the fuel she is going to have a really hard time at around six hours - the "bad patch" - when your body starts accessing its fat stores and weird things start happening mentally and physically. For those in this po-

minutes I watch helplessly as she empties it into the Channel again. "f can't keep anything down," she says, obviously in distress. Eva has dropped to 1.4 knots and Mike says we could be looking at a 12 to 14 hour swim. I want to do anything to spare her the enormous feeling of

grie I that failure will hring. The white cliffs of Dover are still looking awfully large. They say you should never look backwards because the white cliffs are so big you doo't ever feel like you're getting anywhere. You can see them all the way across. The cliffs on the Freech side are much smaller and take forever to come to you. I can see what they mean. We are ioching across.

The next two feeds are encouraging. She holds down a cup of warm hlackcurrant and I add a teaspoon of fructose to the oext. She has recovered a steady rhythm and after five hours she passes an orange huoy marking the mid-point of the sitioo for the first time, it can be a channel. I'm preparing to go in aod

and feel first hand the hiting cold which takes my breath away and the panic of not being able to hreathe. I can barely see a yard in front of me, the roar of the water is constantly in my ears and a mouthful of seawater makes me retch. The seaweed scares me with the threat of jellyfish, and quickly I begin to exrience some of the feelings of total isolation in the dark world of Channel swimming. I wonder in disbelief how the hell she has been managing to deal with all this for five bours already. I last 20 minutes and get out, freezing to death. As she approaches six hours she

nel swimming say you can swim with someone for up to an hour, then you

cannot go hack in again for at least

another hour, repeating this pattern

as often as you like. Watching from

the boat, it is easy to get fulled into

The sun is shining, she looks

comfortable and my mind wanders. I watch one of the busiest shipping

lanes in the world as we pass

through, and over the CB, listen in

to the conversations the captains

have with the coastguard. My imag-

the world, f think how more people

Channel; how more have sat on top

of Everest. One in three Channel

swims ends in failure and there are

two others attempting to become the 501st person to swim across. One of

them is less than half a mile away

from us and his name is Igor. I spec-

ulate idly about his life and where

he's from with a name like Igor. He's

then I leav into the Channel

Brazilian as it turns out.

a false sense of security.

starts to say she is feeling tired, then complains of being cold. Her bad patch has started. Either the cold will slow her right down and she will eventually need to be dragged out, or she'll come out the other side and he OK. Everything is hurting her and she has dropped to 1.2 knots. She keeps asking how far she has left and I wonder what to do. What am I go-ing to tell her? I tell her to count nine

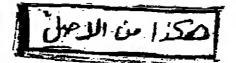
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ater training at the Wecha reservoir, West Yorkshire, a demoralising period; waiting for weather news before finally making the attempt on 27 August 1996; wrapped up warm, making the return trip to England on board Sea Satin



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Ferdinand move is a financial decision says Dalglish

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bership announced

Tottenham announced yesterday that they expect to complete the £6m signing of England striker Les Ferdinand tomorrow, and the Newcastle man-ager, Kenny Dalglish, admitted that the decision to sell the player had been a financial one.

Dalglish said: "I don't want to get involved discussing politics. But this was a financial de-cision more than B football one." He added: "Tottenham declared their interest and a price was mentioned and when that price was met we were duty bound to let Les talk to them."

Ferdinand, who will become the most expensive 30-year-old ever if the deal goes through, did not train with Newcastle as planned yesterday, travelling to London instead to discuss the personal terms of his move to the north London club. Tottenham manager Gerry Francis said he expected Ferdinand to complete contract negotiations before Monday. He added: "I don't envisage any problems with him signing."

The feture of Newcastle's Peter Beardsley, meanwhile, re-mained unclear. Kenny Dalghish said the striker had not yet decided whether to accept the offer of a £500,000 move to Bolton. Dalglish did complete one move yesterday, signing Inter's defender Alessandro Pistone

year contract.
Graeme Le Saux has told the Blackburn Rovers manager, Roy Hodgson, that he no longer wants to play for the club. Hodgson had hoped to persuade the England left-back to stay at Ewood Park but Le Saux is adamant about leaving. having publicly admitted heing unhappy several times last sca-

son. Jack Walker, the chih's

who joined for £4.3m on a four-

Saux, who has been dropped from today's friendly at West Bromwich, from his contract,

which has two years to run. Cheisea go into this weekend's Umbro Cup Tournament at Goodison Park against Newcastle, Everton and Ajax with nine of their squad injured, including recent imports Celestine Babayaro and Bernard Lambourde, as well as Dennis Wise and FA Cup final goalscorer Eddie Newton. owner, will decide within the Everton, meanwhile, are giv-next week whether to release Le ing Tranmere's right-back Tony

Thomas an opportunity to join them by taking him on trial for this weekend's tournament.

Premiership newcomers Barnsley, who currently have eight foreign players on their books, are to set up a football academy to ensure the development of young local players. The move follows recommendations by the Football Association's technical director. Howard Wilkinson, that academies should be set up at all Premiership clubs.

el to Italy for a friendly match against Internazionale without David Beckham and Gary Neville, who are still recovering from this summer's tournament in France and will play in a re-

serve game at Lancaster inst Celtic yesterday completed their second major signing with-in 24 hours with the arrival of 25year-old Swedish striker Henrik Larsson, for £650,000 from Feyenoord. He will make his debut in a friendly against Parma today along with Craig Burley. who completed his £2.5m move

from Cheisea on Wednesday. Middlesbrough have turned down the chance to sign the former Barcelons captain Jose Bakero following his three-week trial at the Riverside.

Brighton will not be allowed to ground-share with Millwall until the 1998-99 season. The club had hoped to move from their temporary home at Gillingham after six months, but this has not been approved by the FA.

Head defends Williams drivers

Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP

reports from Hockenheim Patrick Head, the technical di-rector of Williams-Renault, was drawn into the public debate over his drivers yesterday with

a defence of Jacques Villeneuve

and Heinz-Harald Frentzen. Villeneuve and Frentzen are understood to have felt the force of Head's displeasure in recent weeks as they have strug-gled to keep pace with the championship leader, Ferrari's

Michael Schumacher. Frentzen in particular has looked ill at ease against his German compatriot and desperately needs to recover both ground and reputation in his home grand prix here tomor-

Another shamples on the scale of his performance at Silverstone a fortnight ago may. challenge the patience of Head and Frank Williams beyond constraint and reinforce conjecture be could be released at the end of the season.

Even Villeoeuve, trailing Schumacher by only four points in the drivers' standings, has frustrated Head with his limited technical feedback and both drivers have expressed differences of opinion with their bosses over settings. Head, however, chose to respond to oever thought of him in any othquestions over apparent rifts . er way. He is a very fine driver

of confidence in the drivers. He said: "As far as I understand, the drivers we have now will be our

drivers oext year. "Heinz-Harald has a twoyear contract and I understand we have taken up our option on Jacques. I'm more than happy with our drivers at the moment and don't consider we'll make a change next year. Both are

very quick.
"What happened after Silverstone is an internal matter. Cootrary to popular belief, Heinz-Harald is not being invited to the factory for a whipping. We are more interested in looking forward."

Frentzen had talked 24 hours earlier about a clash of opinion with Head on technical matters and indicated part of the problem lay in the generation gap between them.

"That is understandably a factor and makes it more difficult to relate well, but our race engineers and technicians are close to the driver's age and they can relate," Head said, "It's a problem of life, not one re-

stricted to motor racing."
But perhaps he and Williams
had re-evaluated Damon Hill and developed misgivings about their decision to unload him at the end of last season?

Head padded the teaser. "Damon was a just and worthy world champion and I have with what amonoted to a vote bot through certain circumstances he is not driving for us in 1997."

For all the evident vulnerability of the Williams' line-up, Head backed his men to take Schumacher to the line, although he pulled up short of predicting ultimate success. "I'm not a betting man, but

I still feel very positive and confident that if we get the best out of the equipment we have we can take a good fight to Michael in particular and Ferrari in general," he said.

Only once this year have we finished a race with two cars, so it has certainly been a weak year in relation to what we want to achieve. It is a question of making as few mistakes as pos-

Head admitted his team were having to compromise their effort on the current car to work on ocat year's. "Few of us have unhimited resources," he reasoned, which might be interpreted as an allusion to Ferran's

Williams' plans for 1998 seemed distinctly clearer than those of Benetton, who have yet to find - or at least announce -·their solution to Renault's official withdrawal from Formula One:

They must also name a partner to Giancarlo Fisichella. Gerhard Berger has confirmed he will leave the team while Jean Alesi is expected to follow him, and be replaced by Alexander Wurz.



fichael Schumacher (right) checks out the view from the Hockenheim pit wall yesterday

Flavio Briatore, the team principal, managed merely to cloud the issue, saying he had his drivers already for oext year, then stating he had made no decision. He would also reweal his engine deal when he was good and ready and not before.

Mercedes have one of the stronger, if not the strongest, engines in grand prix racing and McLaren's partners admit they would like a Schumacher on

board. Alas for them, Michael and Ralf are otherwise engaged

for at least another year. David Coulthard is keen to secure his place in the team for another season and believes a win here tomorrow would effectively achieve that objective.

The Scot had little opportunity to prepare for his race yesterday in a practice session spoiled by rain and he recorded only the 17th-fastest time.

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(Arrows-Yamaha) was ninth, Eddie Irvine in the second Ferrari 10th, Villeneuve 16th and Frentzen 18th.

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Law sets off on the right lines

STUART ALEXANDER

A solid day's work in the Berthon Source Regatta at Lymington saw Graham Walker's 45ft Indulgence setting the

pace for Britain's Admiral's Cup team by scoring two firsts. The 40ft Easy Oars, with Ge-off Stagg deputising for the absent helmsman Andy Beadsworth. was struggling to find form in a fleet notable for the dominance of the designer Bruce Farr being challenged by a trio of boats representing Germany, Scandinavia and the United States from the design boards of the Judel-Vrolijk partnership.

In the Mumm 36 fleet, John Merricks and Ian Walker, on Tim Barratt's Bradamante, had to recover from a premature start in the first race and retired from the

All seven national three-boat teams for the Admiral's Cup are using this three-day, six-race series in the Western Solent for fine tuning before the hostilities, which opeo in earnest on Thursday.

Showing strongly are the defending Italians and the everpowerful Americans, although the threat from the New Zealanders has yet to show. There was a good 12-14 knot

south-westerly for the first of the day's races, strengthening to 18 knots in the afternoon with Indulgence's skipper. Chris Law. first picking a perfect spot in the middle left of the start line to execute a sweet port-tack start. He then kept up with the leaders, Russell Coutts oo New Zealand's Numbers and the Kenny Read-Jim Brady partnership on America's Flash Gordon, to win on handicap.

At a crowded committee boat end of the second start. which Coutts declined to join, Law again hit the line at speed and the crew handled the boat impressively round the three-lap windward-leeward course to notch up a second win.

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DIFFINITI OPEN MEN'S TOURNAMENT (Los An

Verbal battle between Smith and Hart

Rugby Union

A public slanging match broke out yesterday between the Australian and New Zealand coaches before today's sell-out Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Australia's Greg Smith repeated his claim that the All Blacks had used blatant fouls during their 30-13 win in the first match of the three-match

"We weren't able to get the points because of the continual infringements and I don't think it's good for our game," Smith said. "I think the players got sick of what was going on and it had become farcical at the end."

Smith was highly critical of the performance by the referee Ed Morrison, but said he was sat-

Thursday.

Hart was already in a bad mood because he had only a week to prepare after their 35-32 win over South Africa in the opening match of the Tri-Nations. "He [Smith] has told his

team that if there were any illegal tactics or professional fouls he would expect the players to take the matter into their isfied with the outcome of a own hands," Hart said.

Bledisloe Cup series a fortnight meeting with Morrison on "And if that meant that an all-in brawl was necessary from the Wallabies, then he would accept that, and if that meant an Australian was to be sent off, then he would accept that." ALISTRALIA (v. New Zanlard, Matheman Cricint Ground, 13.0 BST): M Burier B Care, I Litte, I Hobark, I Rolf; Y Hours, G Gregar, A Host, M Folo, R Hays, G Mogen, J Eales (copt. D Marso, M Basi, B Robinson.

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Levi eases his way into the lead

Former champion Wayne Levi and rookie Eric Johnson both scored six-under-par rounds of 64 on Thursday to share the first-round lead at the Greater Hartford Open in Connecticut. Levi, who woo here in 1990.

did not make a bogey, a dis-nation matched by Johnson, who has missed the cut in 10 of 16 events this year.

John Daly made his return to 1996 Nike Tour money list. "It absence and scored a one-over round Tve had." 71. The former PGA and Open champioo was playing for the was one of four triumphs he enfirst time since withdrawing from last month's US Open citing difficulties stemming from

his alcoholism treatment. "I didn't mishit too many shots today, plus I had some good up-and-downs," said I've been p Johnson, who qualified for the Tour by finishing 10th on the I used to."

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the PGA Tour after a five-week was the most solid ball-striking

Levi's victory here in 1990 joyed in 1990 on his way to Player of the Year honours. He has not won a tournament since. "I oever got in any trouble," Levi said. "Wheo you don't make mistakes, you can score well-I've been playing OK. I'm oot working as hard on my game as

Seles quickly into her stride

Monica Seles began her summer hard-court season by thrashing Italy's Rita Grande 6-2, 6-1 in 50 minutes in the second round of the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, Cali-

The second-seeded Seles is trying to shrug off a seemingly oever-ending spate of injuries, the most recent of which is a bad Grande, however, could not

take advantage of Scles's poor condition and was completely overwhelmed by her sharp angles and quick-fire returns. Back from a two-week yachting holiday. Goran Ivanisevic continued to cruise at the Infiniti

Open in Los Angeles despite

the effects of a bad stomach.

The top-seed recled off 12 aces

to beat 125th-ranked French-

man Olivier Delaitre 7-5, 7-6

and move into the quarter-fi-

The former Wimbledon champion and twice winner of this event, Richard Krajicek, had to save four match points before beating the 21-year-old tour newcomer Glenn Weiner 7-5. 5-7, 7-6.

Krajicek saved them all in a 22-point 10th game of the third set to level the match at 5-5. The Dutchman finally dismissed the South African-born qualifier 7-5 in the tie-break. Pete Sampras, the world No

l. has withdrawn from next week's Du Maurier Open in Montreal with an arm injury. Danny Sapsford was unable to preserve British interest in the Northern Electric Open in Newcastle despite a brave effort against Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Perlant in the second round yesterday. The former Davis Cup player lost 6-4, 7-6 to the eighth seed.

SPORTING DIGEST

Brett Fevre, the Green Bay Packers quar-

Athletics Michael Johnson, Carl Lewis and Dono-van Balley are among those lined up to run in exhibition races during the Uni-versity Games in Sicily. The Games are scheduled for 19-31 August.

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Boxing Michael Carbajal, suffering badly from cuts in his world title defeat to "Baby" Jake Madiola a week ago, is retiring as B fighter after a decade during which he held thee major after. Carbajal made his decision after watching a videotispe of his bout against the South African in Las Vegas. Madiate opened big cuts over Carbajal's eyes, warning the in-ternational Boding Association light fly-weight title when the fight was stopped in the ninth round.

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Rugby Union

TODAY'S. NUMBER

The number of medals won by the British team at the Euro-pean Youth Olympic Days, a multi-sports event in Portugal this week. The team came second if the medals table. behind Russia, with 10 golds,

Swimming's Everest One woman's battle with the English Channel, page 26

sport

Brother v brother Schumachers ready for the German Grand Prix, page 27



FOURTH TEST: Home batsmen surrender under fine onslaught by Australian paceman and then lose initiative after fighting back

Gillespie and Elliott make **England suffer**

reports from Headingley England 172; Australia 258-4

The National Lottery might have turned us into a nation of gamblers but it has not turned the majority of us into winners. The same can he said of the England cricket team who having decided to play this series on well-grassed surfaces, are seeing their gamble hackfire. With three days left, Australia have taken command of the match and with it the series. Only excessive rain here or wins at Trent Bridge and The Oval can prevent the Ashes from remaining in the Antipodes.

They could not have done so, however, without the gargantuan individual performances of Jason Gillespie and Matthew Elliott, who recorded careerbests with ball and hat respectively. Both will leave this match with their reputations deservedly enhanced, as will Ricky Ponting, whose fluent and unbeaten 86 caught the eye.

Gillespie took 7 for 37, from a spell unrivalled in this series for its hostility. It was only his second five-wicket haul in Tests but the quality on display showed he can be a worthy heir to the great Aussie fast bowling tradition fostered by the likes of Lindwall, Lillee and Thomson.

far behind, though, as at Lord's where he recorded his previous where he recorded his previous
Test best, he was reprieved
more than once by England. The
play his shots square of the
wicket including two thrilling
pulls for six off Headley. first chance to Graham Thorpe, a comfortable head-high catch the day belonged to Gillespie,

to first slip, would have given Mike Smith his first Test wicket. With Elliott on 29 at the time, it was a bad miss, though one whose disappointment was immediately swallowed up by the euphoria that followed a ball later, when Dean Headley took

the prize wicket of Steve

Waugh, smartly caught by John

Crawley at short leg. Australia were 50 for 4 and in some disarray. With both Wanghs joining Mark Taylor and Greg Blewett back in the hutch, there was the chance that Eng-land, howled out for 172, might even take a first-innings lead. Elliott had other ideas how-

ever, as he and Ponting took ad-

vantage of the now mellowing surface to add an unbeaten 208 runs for the fifth wicket. When the sun shines for long periods at Headingley, the pitch can turn from snarling beast to lap dog, a change that is just as quickly reversed when the clouds roll in. Mind you, England did not help their cause by straying too short on a surface that demanded patience and a good length and 140 out of the 258 runs they conceded came

Considering this was only his sixth first-class outing in 11 weeks, Ponting played with remarkable composure and style and he was the only player on either side able to drive the ball straight. By contrast, Elliott, a Elliott's contribution was not happy hooker in denial for most of this series, decided to

from boundaries.

above anything else on display. The 21-year-old has the un-

usual practice of marking his run up with a tape measure before the match. Although he does this at both ends, he only needed one, the Kirkstall Lane, from which to work his mayhem. With both the slope and breeze facilitating his momentum, he bowled fast and straight.

It was noticeable that he got more out of this pitch than any other bowler. His height and pace certainly made the vagaries within the pitch more disconcerting and England may yet regret hav-ing packed Andy Caddick off down the motorway on Thursday morning. Certainly the ball did not swing for Smith, who rarely looked threatening.

Having snared Alec Stewart on Thursday evening, Gillespie got rid of the nightwatchman, Dean Headley, with his first ball of the morning. Headley, who had played some delightful shots in keeping his captain company scythed a wide one to gully, where Steve Waugh held on to a stinging catch.
At this point Gillespie had

not yet settled and he was twice biffed to the midwicket boundary by Graham Thorpe.

Atherton, meanwhile, was slowly becoming maroooed. With only eight runs in 70 min-utes, even his patience was wearing thin and although it was exactly the kind of slow-drip skirmish he most relishes, he could not resist having a hook at Glenn McGrath's bouncer. As at Lord's and Old Trafford, he was unable to control the shot and the swirling edge was pouched by Gillespie at long leg.

As has happened so many times following Athertoo's de-parture, England folded, losing their last five wickets for 18 runs, all of them to a now rampant Gillespie. Only Crawley, another falling to a fortuitous catch at short leg, could consider himself absolved of blame, after Thorpe had bottom-edged another pull shot on to his

only to see the ball snatched up by Blewett as it obligingly

bounced up off his right boot.
Putting the boot into England
has been something of an Australian speciality in recent Ashes series. By the close, Mark Taylor's men were 86 ahead and lacing up their Doc Martens.



Women call in Reeve for the big occasion

Flicking Gillespie firmly off Dermot Reeve has been been psychological preparation, at Reeve was a one-day special- until after next Wednesday's iea in by Engiana s cricketers and ordered to huild up team spirit in advance of the series of five one-day matches

against South Africa. The former Warwickshire captain, now Somerset's coach, will put his expertise in motivation to work at a training session, which will include a seminar based on

ton Conege in Berksture on 11 August. The first match is at Bristol four days later. "It will be about enjoying the big occasion and about how the

players can get the best out of themselves," Reeve said. "I will talk about running between wickets, communication and a few disciplines."

ist and his input will be beneficial to Eogland, who have been concentrating on the one-day game since their chief coach, Megan Lear, put together a year-long training schedule last winter. It involved the selection of two training groups based at Lord's and Headingley. The match squad will not be picked

"Demot is full of innovations and is an expert in gelling a team

into a unit," Lear said. Reeve is no stranger to women's cricket. He coached the Western Australian team and now oversees the Tannton side in which his fiancée is a wicketkeeper.

Atherton has to cut out hooking.

Henry Blofeld sees England's senior batsmen let themselves down

Mike Atherton let himself and England down at Headingley. when after 226 minutes of dedicated defiance, he forgot the one lesson he should have learned above all others from Old Trafford. When Paul Reiffel pitched short, he could resist the temptation no more and went for the hook.

It is a stroke he is unable to control. At Old Trafford he had been caught behind hooking at one from Glenn McGrath which was going down the leg side. Now, it was as if he was giving fine leg catching practice.

The lesson was underlined in the third Test by Steve Waugh when he made those two magnificent hundreds. Waugh has eliminated from his armoury all the strokes he thinks may get him out. The square cut was the only flatbatted stroke he played.

It is this sort of dedicated selfdiscipline that singles out a great player from simply a good one. Atherton should realise that the hook is not a percentage stroke for him and cut it out of his repertoire.

In the conditions at Headingley, England were clearly going to need a long innings from him and he responded magnificently until he had that sudden rush of blood.

But he was not the only one at fault. Graham Thorpe played two good pulls off Jason Gille- 🚜 spie. When, in his next over. Gillespie pitched short. Thorpe went for another pull with almost reckless abandon. The hall was significantly further up than the other two and was through him well before he had completed the stroke.

When England's main batsman lose concentration like this, it is a major worry for it means that they are less likely to go on to play the hig match-winning or match-saving

innings. We know Atherton can do this, but his insurance rates will rise if he commues to hook.

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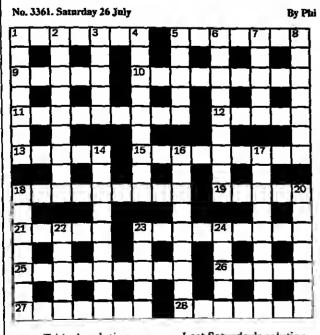
Headingley scoreboard



There was plenty of verbal abuse, on and off the field. But I accept that as inevitable. I'd get that if I was black, if I was overweight, if I was cross-eyed' lan Roberts, hard man of Australian rugby league, tells Dave Hadfield about 'coming

out on his homosexuality

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



Friday's solution

Last Saturday's solution

Hotel employee bound to appear after alarm (7) Be effusive about nervous breakdown? (5,2) Artist, a person in the vanguard of modern art, ulti-

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13 Hard work makes one smile by day (5)

15 The trees are unexciting in painting by Utrecht's foremost Master (9)

18 I'd a copier working on an irregular basis (9) Support cricket side that's in the lead (3-2)

in the lead (3-2)
21 Fellow escapes from something terrifying (just) (5)
23 Second article (neat slacks)
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18 Fruit and a good deal of cereal in a container (7) 20 Apparel of knight and page

in unusual no play (7) 22 Individual investing in Individual investing in silver turned up in Italian port (5) 23 Came across soldiers in the distance (5) 24 Actor seen in edition of

newspaper (5) The first five correct solutions to this week's puzzle opened next Thursday receive hardhacked copies of the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations. Asswers and winners' names will be published next Saturday. Send solutions to Saturday Crossword, P. O. Box 4018. The Independent, I Canach Square, Canary Wharf, London E145BL. Please use the box number and postcode and give your own postcode. Last week's winners: D Whicker, Alderney; D Mills, Plysouth; C Oukley, Brampton; E Forbes, London W1; R Evana. Artisconting.

Golf legend Hogan dies

Ben Hogan died yesterday in a Fort Worth hospital at the age of 84 following a lengthy illness. Pat Martin, his secretary, said he had been ill for a while and contracted bronchitis last year. "He was admitted to hospital [on Thursday] with bron-

chitis," she said.

The facts alone argue well for Hogan's greatness. He amassed 63 US PGA Tour victories, nine major championships, four US Open titles, the career Grand Slam and the only person to win three professional grand slam events in

The single-minded, at times surly man - driven to be the best golfer ever - he had a tough strat to life. Born in rural Dublin, Texas, in 1912, Hogan, at the age of nine, was in the room when his blacksmith father, Chester, committed suicide with a .45-calibre pistol.

He discovered golf after his mother, Clara, moved the family to Fort Worth and he start-ed to caddie at Glen Garden Country Club where, at age 15, he lost the caddie championship in a play-off to another

Ben Hogan (right) receives the claret jug from the Provost of Camoustie after winning the Open in 1953 Scottish Daily Record

tour full time at 19 in 1931 and struggled financially until he won his first tournament, the Hershey Four-Ball, in 1938.

His development was delayed by a severe right-to-left hook, but he finally mastered a controlled left-to-right game. He once said he never tried to hit a straight shot. "I can't," he said. "I don't helieve anybody else can hit a straight ball. You only hit a straight hall by

His 63 American tour victories is third all-time to Sam Snead's 81 and Jack Nicklaus' 70. Only Nicklaus, Gene Sarazen and Gary Player also won the American Masters, US Open, US PGA Champi-ouship and the Open in their ca-

Only Nicklaus, Bobby Jones and Willie Anderson matched Hogan's four US Open victories, and only Nicklaus with 18 and Walter Hagen with 11 won more major professional champiouships than him.



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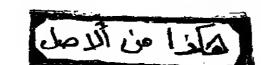
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Why babies must come before business

without doubt one or me world's great life-savers. Science has taken a long time to recog-use what mothers and midwives always knew; breast-feeding is best for babies, without doubt one of the In its annual report 'The Progress of Nations' Unicef ranks countries according to their and there is no substitute of equal value. Breast milk contains all the nutrients progress on human rights, health cital for nourishment, as well as growth factors believed to help in tissue develand welfare. The Right Reverend opment and antihodies to fend off intections. It is always at the right tem-Barrington Ward unleashed an perature, requires no mixing, sterilisation or equipment, and is safe regardattack on the sale of formula less of the quality and availability of milk for the feeding of babies water. Its composition changes from feeding to feeding, and even within feedings, and the amount is triggered by

now firmly persuaded that the promo-tion regularly practised by the infant formula companies is unethical, and flouts the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, which they signed. In fact, they helped draft the code, which seeks to protect breastfeeding as "an unequalled way of pro-viding ideal food for the healthy growth and development of infants". (A report on the code breakers was made between August and October 1996 in Bangladesh, Poland, South Africa and

Thailand.) The results showed that the formula companies have been distributing marketing literature promoting formula over breast milk, and giving away formula to maternity hospitals and mothers - from one in 12 mothers surveyed in Poland, to one in four in Thailand.

Free samples, especially those handed out by health professionals, are an insidious form of promotion. A mother can easily switch from breast to bottle, but from bottle to breast is another story. After being fed with for-mula, even for just a few days, the baby. used to an artificial teat, is fussy about accepting the breast. Meanwhile, the mother's milk production has declined.

Now the worried mother has a cranky and hungry baby on her hands, and she is convinced she must give up the breast and use formula for the duration. Rarely are such problems explained to women when "gifts" of baby formula are thrust into their hands. And when a doctor or nurse provides the "gift", it carries an implicit stamp of approval.

The industry has complained that the study is biased and unscientific. This is



rubhish. Independent co-ordinators supervised the study in each country. and the many organisations that sponsored it would not have gone through this exercise without assurances that rig-orous research protocols would be observed.

The Church of England suspended its support of a boycott of companies promoting formula, as an act of good faith while the study was being undertaken. The multinationals' criticism of the study adds up to this: they are simply not about to acknowledge their own unethical practices in countries that offer promising market potential.

THE MOVE towards infant formula became epidemie in the industrialised countries after the Second World War and is spreading in rapidly urbanising

parts of the developing world. Despite their claims, though, industry has never developed a product on a par with breast milk. In fact, the best that science has done in this area is to prove that women's hodies know better than any manufacturer what to feed their

Of course, the impact of inappropriate infant feeding is immeasurably greater in developing countries. Lack of safe water for mixing the formula, and contamination of feeding-bottles, are the main reasons why formula-fed habies die; another is that families cannot afford adequate supplies of formula, so they dilute it too much.

Compared with bahies who are exclusively breast-fed, those fed formula have 10 times the risk of incurring bacterial infections requiring hospitalisation, four times the risk of meningitis and three to four times the risk of middle ear infections and gastroenteritis.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, the industry has challenged in national courts some of the new laws that have been enacted to prevent such abuses. Their arguments can verge on the ludierous: in India. Nestlé argued that it could not meet the law's requirement that a notice about the superiority of breast-milk appear in a panel at the centre of formula tins because you cannot pinpoint the centre on a cylindrical tin!

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One for his nob, two for his heels

popular card games mong card games, cribbage has for years been looked down upon as a ragged Cinderella compared with its more affluent sisters, bridge and poker. Yet its mathe-matical complexities and psychological overtones provide an excitement that devotees insist matches anything offered by those games. The game of six-card cribbage (the most common version), in case you need reminding, works like this:

The rules

Cribbage is a game for two players, using a standard 52-card pack. Kings rank high, aces low. Points are scored for various card combinations either in hand, or occurring during play. Each player's score is registered by a peg moving along a track of holes on a wooden board. The first player to score 61 points wins the game. (You can, of course, use pencil and paper, but for the true enthusiast the cribbage board is an essential feature of the game.)

Cut for deal; the player drawing the lower card is the dealer, the other is given three points for "last" as compensation. (Cribbage is full of such charming twitches of vocabulary.) Six cards are dealt to each player, the remainder placed face down on the table.

Each player must then choose two cards to discard. These are left face down to form the "crib", which is not revealed until the end of the hand. The undealt cards are then cut, and the new top card turned up as the "start" card. If it's a jack, the dealer scores two points, "two for his heels".

Beginning with the non-dealer, the players then take turns to reveal one card from their hands. The pip values of these (court cards count 10, ace is one) are added to the start card, the running total is announced at each play, and the total pip value may not exceed 31. If it reaches exactly 31, the player whose card was just played scores two points. If you have no card that can be played without exceeding 31, you say "Go" and your opponent plays again if he can. If 31 is reached, or both players say "Go", you start counting again from zero with the remaining cards.

Other ways of scoring during play: 15: If you play a card that hrings the total to 15 you score two points, "fiftcen two".

Pair: If you play a card of the same value as the previous card, you score two for a pair. (King and king are, of course, a pair, but king and jack, for example, are not.)

Pair royal: If you follow a pair immediately with a third card of the same value, you score six for "pair royal".

Double pair royal: And four in a row scores 12. Run: A run of three or more cards of consecutive values (10-jack-queen, or A-2-3-4, for example, but not K-Q-A) scores as many points as cards in the run. Note that the cards do not have to occur in the right order: 7-3-4-6-5 is a perfectly valid five-card run.

Last card: If the total of 31 is not reached exactly, one point is scored by whoever played last.



his own hand, adding the value of the start card to the four he kept, as follows:

15: any combination of cards adding up to 15 scores two points. (So, for example, J.Q.5,5,5 would score 14 - each of the fives can pair with jack or queen, and the three fives provide another two points. You would say: "fifteen two, fifteen four, fifteen six ... up to fifteen fourteen. adding two for each scoring combination.) Pair: As during play, a pair counts two, with six points for a "pair royal" (three of the same value) and 12 for all four.

Run: Runs of three or more cards score as many points as cards in the run. Flush: Four points if all your cards are the same

suit (with a bonus point if the start card is of the One for his nob: One point for holding the jack of the same suit as the start card.

When both players have scored their hands, the dealer exposes the crib and adds its score to

The origins of cribbage

ast card: If the total of 31 is not reached exactly, a coording to John Aubrey, the game was invented by Sir John Suckling (1609-42), a poet, When play is completed, each player scores gambler and Royalist. "He sent his Cards to all

But he came, like so many gamblers, to a sad end: "He went into France, where after sometime, being come to the bottome of his Found, reflecting on the miserable and despicable condition he should be reduced to, having nothing left to maintain him, he (having a convenience for that purpose, lyeing at an apothecarie's house in Paris) looke poyson, which killed him miserably with His game, however, flourished, and even

bequeathed to the language the term "cribbage-faced", defined in a dictionary of 1785 as: "marked with the small-pox, the pits bearing a kind of resemblance to the holes in a cribbage board." The term "bilk", meaning to cheat of money, also, according to some sources, has its original in the game of cribbage.

And let us not forget the most famous cribbage player of all, as described by Charles Dickens in Oliver Twist: "Mr Toby Crackit swept up his winnings [at cribbage] and crammed them into his waist-coat pocket."

Useless cribbage fact: There are precisely 1,009,008 distinct hands that

Games people play

Pandora Melly learns about the beauty of Staffordshire dogs and dustoins

Polly Devlin, 52, writer

My game is collecting, and I'm powerless to resist it. When you start, it's not just "Oh. I'll have that extra little Staffordshire dog to add to my collection. because you forget that you have any other dogs, it's the only dog in the world you've ever wanted. Then comes the moment when you get the object and a kind of unboly peace descends for a while; then you need to do it again. You never reach saturation

If you talk to an alcoholic, they'll tell you their addiction is an adjunct to their life, which isn't true: it's the biggest component: where the next drink is coming from. For a long time, collecting had that

sort of importance in my life; a pathological torturing for my friends and family.

The sort of collecting I do is finding things by using your eye, rather as some people collect old clothes. They'll produce the Dolce & Gabbana and the first old what I have I There's a worderful book say: "Look what I have!" There's a wonderful book called *The Unruly Passion* by a New York psychiatrist who observes collectors and talks to them. What they're really saying is: "Look how clever I am: I found this; nobody else noticed this, and it's mine!" so in that sense it's a game, because one wins approbation like a small child.

I've stopped playing that particular game. If I see something absolutely lovely, I'll go in and look at it, and perhaps I will acquire it, but I'm no longer irked

I move through a wrack of possessions. The thing that I can't believe is when somebody comes into my playing-pitch; somebody who hasn't an eye and doesn't understand. They'll look around your room. which is exquisite in its beauty, and they'll ask: "Who does your dusthins?"

Staffordshire dogs are available at any good antique shop. Enquiries relating to dustbins should be referred to your local council.

103 update

Some months ago, we revealed on this page that the answer to Life, the Universe and Everything was not. as had previously been thought, 42, hut was, in fact, 103. The evidence was irrefutable. Not only did the alphahetical values of the letters in the word "bullshit" add up to 103, but the 103 hus travelled between two destinations (Rainbam War Memorial and Bromley) whose letter-sums also differed by 103.

Since no reader wrote to disagree, we have not returned to the topic, but some new evidence has just been sent to us which we feel absolutely clinches the matter. We have just received the summer issue of Sunningwell Scene, a lively publication from Oxfordshire, On its second page, we read the following disturbing news:

Thames Transit has withdrawn the 104 service between Oxford and Abingdon via Boars Hill due to

lack of passengers."
They should, of course, have stopped, with the rest

British champion needed

It is not often that we get asked to find a British champion, but the game of Rummikub is in need of one and we are pleased to do anything we can to

belp.

Rummikub, though the makers, Goliath Games. would probably be loath to admit it, is a version of the card game of rummy, but played with numbered tactile joy of tiles, Rummikub is now played in some 40 countries and will hold its world championship at Marlow-on-Thames in October. But they do not have a British champion. To fill the gap, a contest will be held as part of the Mind Sports Olympiad in London from 18 to 21 August. So if you want to be a British champion, get in touch with Goliath Games on 0181-450 3104 and they will send you details of the game and the event.

The games page is edited by William Hartston

always has two pears in it). My oppo-

It wasn't to be my day. With the box seemed quite pleased when I cut an against me, I picked up A.A.3,7,8,8. Not the sort of hand you go into raptures about, but no real problem to discard from, I thought, as I selected A.3. preferring to keep six holes rather than to throw out 3,7 and reduce my score led one of my 8s - if it was paired I had to that of Morgan's orchard (which nent was rather quicker than usual in 8 to fall into the trap). It was useless selecting her own discards, and she now, so I played my second 8, making been 2.2. This turned the box into a rather differently, but the box would

ace for the top of the pack. I should have known this was a had sign though it was too late for me to do any-

The play was quite unexceptional, I another 8 all ready for six points; but no, she played a queen (not having an

the score 26, to see a 5 played for 31 for 2 with the traditional "five's a fix" verbal flourish. The second round of play gave my

Cribbage – Harry Poyner contributes the world's first broadsheet cribbage column

ng places

in the countrey

(From Auhrey's Brief Lives.)

when he was most gallant".

which were marked with private markes of his;

Aubrey also quotes Sir William Davenant, a friend of Suckling, who "would say that Sir John,

when he was at his lowest ebbe in gameing, I

meane when unfortunate, then would make him-

selfe most glorious in apparell, and sayd that it

exalted his spirits, and that he had then best Luck

brilliant box.

he gott twenty thousand pounds by this way."

opponent just one point for "last". From my hand, A.7,8,8, thanks to the ace which turned up, I netted eight holes. Across the table, too, came eight holes from the same ace and 4,5,10,Q. Then it appeared that her discards had

very useful A.A.2.2.3 (16 from four runs of three and two pairs) shooting her 19 points ahead on the deal. Ouch! The discards from two modest hands had formed themselves into a

Just suppose. I thought, I had kept the two pairs: A.A.8, throwing out 3.7. With the same turn-up, this would have given me a score of eight, though

have been reduced to A.2,3,3,7, yielding 10 points - six fewer than it in fact was; still most unwelcome, but a slight improvement all the same.

Would you like to see more cribbage in the paper? Harry Poyner tells us that it is perhaps the only card game worth playing for love. The games page will be interested to hear readers' views on this, and other neglected games.

♠ K, so he was able to judge that

Six was high enough. Well done,

Declarer won the opening club

lead, drew trumps, and cashed

the two top diamonds. If both

difficulty in simply conceding a

diamond; if West proved short in

diamonds, then a ruffing finesse

opponents had followed suit,

there would have been no

and the play was neat, too.

Chess William Hartston

after 22.Rxc6+ Kf8

23.Bxh6+ Kg8 24.Bxf7, If

Black had played 20 ... g6

similar mate follows after

21.Bxg6 Qxd1 22.Rxe6+

24.Rg7+ Kf8 25.Ba3+.

attack to f7, but it also

back to his plan of

rounding up the stray

hishop on g2. In the final position, White threatens

followed by Bf6. After

not only Kxg2, but also Bb2

25...Bh1, the most efficient

way to win is 26.Bb2 Re8 27.Bf6, then letting Black

run out of moves until he

has to surrender his knight.

Meanwhile, the bishop in

nowhere. But how much of

White: Viswanathan Anand

Black: Joel Lautier

14 Bd3 Nd5

16 Kf2 Bxc3

17 bac3 Qac3

18 Rht Oxd4

19 Rxb7 Rd8

20 h6 exh6

21 Bg6 Ne7

22 Qxd4 Rxd4

all this had Anand seen

when playing 13.Re3?

2 exd5 Qxd5 15 f3 Bb4

10 Nxd7 Nd7 23 Rd3 Rd8

11 h5 Be4 24 Rxd8+ Kd8

12 Rh3 Bg2 25 Bd3 resigns

3 Nc3 Qa5

4 d4 Nf6

5 Nf3 c6

6 Bc4 Bf5

7 Ne5 e6

8 g4 Bg6 9 h4 Nbd7

13 Ru3 Nb6

the corner is going

Black's only defence was

21...Ne7. leaving his queen

defended, and blocking the

renounced the attack on e3.

As a result White was able

to exchange queens then go

Kf8 23.Rxf7+ Kg8

instead of gxh6, then a

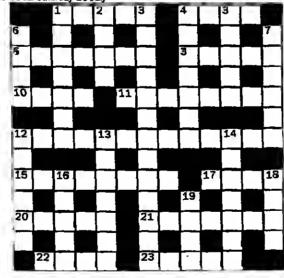


Viswanathan Anand started the tournament in Biel, Switzerland in fine style with a spicadid win over Joel Lautier. In a curious line of the Centre Counter Defence, Lautier took up the challenge of Anand's 12.Rh3 (12.f3 is the normal move) by chasing the rook into the centre of the board, then pursuing it with Nb6 and Nd5.

The price of this, however, was having his bishop incarcerated on g2. At first sight, it looked as though White would win two pieces for his rook, but Lautier's idea of Bb4, then eating his way with the queen via c3 to d4, left the situation less clear. White's rook on e3 could not escape, and White could not capture the hishop on g2 without ahandoning his defence to the rook.

After 23 .. Rd8, Black prohably expected Anand to go after the hishop with 24.Qg1, but he came up with something far more powerful. His 24.h6! set up a fine combination after 24...gxh6 (sec diagram) when he played 25.Bg6!!

Concise crossword Black's queen is threatened and 21...Qxd1 leads to mate



ACROSS

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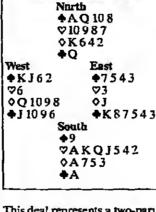
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Bridge Alan Hiron

Game all; dealer South



This deal represents a two-pari problem. First, why was South pleased with his extremely accurate play in 6 ♥? And second, why did his delight turn to quiet rage at comparison time

on this deal from match-play?
A long and scientific auction
led one South to 6♥. Believe it or not he had been able to ascertain that his partner held ◆A and ♦K but not ♦Q or

off seven rounds of trumps. Poor

Perplexity

"You're an odd chap, Watson," said Sherlock Holmes. "A couple of weeks ago you claimed to be twice the man I am. HOLMES plus HOLMES equals WATSON, you said, and that LAWS was your pin number. Well, from that information. I can't tell whether your pin is 5729 or 7348."

"I try one, then the other," said Watson. "They give you three

"Well I think I've got your number," said Holmes, "and it shows I'm twice the man you

in spades, repeated if necessary, would have ensured 12 tricks; and, as the diamonds lay, a simply spade finesse would have end-played East even if be had been able to win. Very neat, and South was quietly pleased with his good technique. But why was he in for

a disappointment? At the other table, with no pretensions to science. North-South had hlasted their way to 7♥. Hoping for the best in a dubious contract, South had won the club lead and rattled West was squeezed flat in diamonds and spades and the grand slam rolled in.

are." It's WATSON plus WATSON equals HOLMES that

you should be working out." "Surely there's more than one answer to that, too," said Watson.
"But as I said," added Holmes, "you're an odd chap, Watson."

Can you help work out the value of WATSON? Answers, by 7 August, to: Perplexity, The Independent, 1 Canada Square Canary Wharf, London E145DL.

This week's Chambers Dictionary winner: Paul Terry (Wokingham).

Backgammon Chris Bray

In the early days, the only difference between match and money play was that people were much tighter and it was quite rare to see a 4 cube. Gradually players realised that the score had a significant influencing factor on cube decisions. Ideas such as not doubling so readily when ahead in a match became standard. Soon, some of the keener minds decided to work out match equity tables.

A match equity table gives you the percentage chance of winning a match at any particular score. Trailing 5-4 in a match to 7 points, your chances are 41 per cent; leading 10-3 in a match to 15, they are 83 per cent. Three players, Robertie, Woolsey and Kleinman, derived tables based on a mixture of mathematical theory and empirical evidence. Their three tables, however, had some differences. Over the years methods have become refined and the empirical evidence of real matches has greatly increased, so there is now general agreement on the table values.

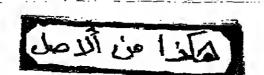
The problem is, how do you remember tables? A table for a 15-point match has 225 entries, a little too many to remember. Luckily help is at hand. I shall give two methods by which the match equity for any score in any length match can be calculated.

The first, and most commonly used, is the Janowski Formula, derived by Rick Janowski of Rochdale. If D is the difference between the two players' scores and T is the number of points the trailing player needs to win, then the match-winning probability of the leading player is $50 + (D \times 85/(T+6))$. If the Crawford game is being played this changes to $55 + (D \times 55/(T+2))$. This may seem daunting but after a little practice it becomes quite easy to use.

If you don't like multiplication then try the Underwood Formula, named after the late US player Fleet Underwood. If T is the trailer's score, L the leader's score and W the match length then the leader's match-winning probability is 50 + the first (L-T) numbers from the following sequence: 98654 3222221. If W-L > 4 then subtract ((W-L) + (W-T))/4 from the number previously calculated Again, this may seem complex but is surprisingly easy to use. For example, leading 5-2 in a match to 11 the leader's probability of winning is 50+9+8+6 -(6+9)/4 which is 69 per cent.

Of the two formulae the Janowski is slightly more accurate, particularly for longer matches where one player has a significant lead. We shall return to this topic in a few weeks' time to see how to apply it all.

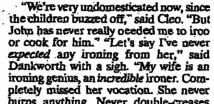
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The torch carriers

ilton Keynes is not the obvious place to look for exotic flowers or musical geniuses. Its flat, concrete landscape, the dismal corporate architecture that flanks its soul-destroying motorways, its pointless roundabouts... really, the 10-minute drive to the village of Wavendon, eveo with my chatty Iodian tuxi driver, is enough to lower one's spirits to a groan. But theo you turn into the village with its sweet church, and think, Maybe-this isn't too bad after all. Down a lane past the Leathern Bottel pub, you find a driveway, theo a handsome Victorian house, its religious provenance suggested by the symbol of a bishop's mitre carved in the stone entrance. Through the trees, you can make out the Wavendoo Stables Theatre, where the musical events get produced, but you can't concentrate on that now. All you're aware of is that you're oo the threshhold of Cleo Laine's kingdom.

Ms Laine is an icon of the Fifties generation of jazz-lovers, but her uniquely gorgeous voice has cooed and sauntered through the lives of many fortysomething rock 'n' roll fans who managed to stifle their prejudices long enough to listen to her. And when you hear her singing old Duke Ellington or Gershwin classics ("I'm Beginning to See the Light", Porgy and Bess) or oewer songs by Sondheim



Millennium Dome.

burns anything. Never double-creases anything. I've oever seen such ironing... Cleo smiles at this mystifying riff. Although she has been made a Dame of the British Empire, she has not, she says, installed a butler, footmen and parloormaids to do her imperious bidding. She and John have two secretaries, who screen the phone-calls, make the tea and and Carole King, you wonder why anyone fend off Dankworth's twinkly charm, else bothers. It's not just the famous four-"Happily, someone comes in to do the

Half Jamaican, half Middlesex and mostly from Paradise, she neither looks nor sounds like anyone else

octave range, moving from a Barry White basso growl to a fluting, vertiginous soprano (she can hit E flat above top C, which is coloratura level); it's not just her promiscuous, shifts of tempo, from achingly croony hallads (like "Creole Love Call") to prancingly flippant, scatsung tours-de-force like "Birdsong", in which her various accommon its the fearing which her voice accompanies the frantic racing line of a jazz guitar as if stitched on to it. It's another quality that's always alive in her singing, a kind of regal amusement, a cooing fatale superiority. Half Jamaican, half Middlesex and mostly from Paradise, she oeither looks nor

souods like anyone else. does oot mind that I'm half an hour late - true Bohemians do not concern themselves with mere matters of Time, only timing. Her speaking voice is a slight shock a perfect EastEnders demotic, with undertones of musk and malt whisky. She leads me through the hallway of the Old Rectory - about the size of Milton Keynes station, only with more chairs - to her inner sanctum, a living room into which you could comfortably fit the Centre Court at Wimbledon, with a grand piano, a table crammed with magazines, a lot of glass the young Clementine in favour of her cases and an air of indolent luxury. Ms brother, Alex Jor. Is that why Cleo has Laine in person is short and plump, in a never been maternal? "Well I certainly grey jacket with an expensive silver bee on never had a home-maker streak. But I'm colossal head, with its famous frizz of ried, I wanted to have seven children crimped ringlettes, her fathomless brown eyes and her huge mouth, a fleshy cap-

boring dusting. And I just chuck the washing in the washing machioe," said Cleo. Her lack of interest in housework she attributes to growing up in Southall, Middlesex. "My childhood was very nomadic. We were always moving around all the time, avoiding debts. I'm really happy to go oo just floating about. I haveo't made any roots." She glanced around the cavernous living-room. Except here - maybe just one root. But if I lost it, I know I wouldn't cry."

Ms Laine's unghosted memoirs, Cleo (Simon & Shuster, £16.99), evoke an unknown time and place - the west end of Greater London in the late Twenties But look where she comes, Ms Laine and early Thirties - when her parents scratched a living selling things door to door, "on the knocker". Her father, Alexander Sylvan Campbell, left Jamaica after a family row, was gassed in the First World War and used to harangue Hyde beyood a expressing a whim to do some Park promenaders from a soap box at stuff from their bestselling Shakespeare Speakers' Corner, Cleo (who started life as Clementine Campbell) adored him. Her mother, Minnie Blaoche, was a higamist who ran a boarding house for expect us to do everything by the book". Irish labourers. She is less fondly rememher lapel. But all you really register is her very maternal. When John and I got marseven boys, so I could tell 'em off."

She started singing with one Madame puccino splash outlined in brown lip-pen- De Councey, who also taught dancing and

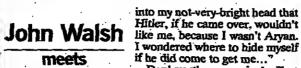
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cil like a sexy tide-mark. It crosses your mind that kissing Ms Lame, now or 40 years ago, must be an extraordinarily

intense, enveloping experience.

John Dankworth appears. Ms Laine's husband of 39 years (and musical Svengali for rather more) is wearing a cool, black patterned shirt like a genial fascist, his long grey hair tied in a rakish ponytail. He is a card and a charmer - wayward when she is sensible, pedantic when she is nostalgic, an indulgent but not uncritical consort to this uncompromising diva. He talks with exquisite cod-formality and likes to deliver ad hoc lecturettes. In the space of an hour, I learned about the

piano. Her debut, at three, was with a oumber called "Let's All Sing the Barmaid's Song" at a Southall working man's club, with her weird fuzz of hair tied up in a red bow. She was 12 when war broke out, "We weren't evacuated because my father had a sister living in New York and we were supposed to be shipped over there. But then a ship full of evacuees went down and my mother wouldn't let us go. There were air raids every night, huzz-bombs, firebombs, the lot." Curiously, it was one of the few times she became self-from time to timer, a fananic about exerconscious about her colour, "The one time cise," said Cleo, "and I still do it, though I realised it might be a problem having a not to the same degree. I don't smoke. I black father was during the war. I got it don't eat meat. Since I'm working almost



and John

Dankworth grew up in the East Cleo Laine End, his mother and sister enthusiastic pianists, his father a singer. A career in the classical repertoire lay waiting for him. Then, with his Dankworth first earnings from a paper round, he bought his first record, a 78 rpm double burst of Bix Beiderbecke and Duke Ellington. "After that I compositional tics of whoever wrote Tea bought nothing but Duke Ellingtoo

records. He was just streets ahead of everyone at the time." His parents seot for Two", about microwave ovens, Shakespeare's sonnets, Malcolm Arnold's repstation and what ought to be played in the him to the Royal Academy of Music. "It was a last-ditch attempt to stop the rot. They said, 'If you want to play this awful jazz stuff, you'd better go and learn an instrument properly'." His real training came while playing gigs across the Atlantic oo the Queen Mary with a band composed of friends equally besotted with Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker. Every two weeks for a year, they "played awful Micky Mouse dance music on the voyage, then spent two days in New York, going around buying reeds and mouthpieces for our instruments, and ties for our friends, and shirts and suits, and spent afternoons, evenings and nights in nightchubs, listeoing to the greats".

Since they married in 1958, their lives have been a square-dance of concerts, tours, trips, encounters and sunderings with everyone who ever sang or played a decent note. The Dankworth archives are full of photos of Cleo 'n' John with their arms round the great and famous -Frank, Sammy, Kiri, John Williams, Chick Corea, Dudley Moore (who was in John's band in the late Fifties). James Galway, Soodheim. Ms Laine's heroine is Ella Fitzgerald, who told her she admired her legs in 1959, and sent her a note when she won a Grammy award, saying "Coograt-ulations, girl, it's about time".

They are currently in the midst of a protracted and gruelling tour. Last night they were in Scarborough. "It hasn't changed at all," said Ms Laine. "We sat on the promenade and looked at the people. I looked at the way they were dressed and thought, if you took a photo now, and compared it with one taken in the Thirties, it'd be hard to tell them apart." Next stop is Toronto, then New York, then New Zealand and Hong Kong. A score of transatlantic dates heoce, they'll be appearing together at the Proms on 29 Angust. What will they be performing? "Come oo Dankworth," said Cleo (her habitual mode of address to her life partner), "You're the musical director ... " Bot clue about the playlist. "We're jazz musi-cians," said Cleo shortly. "You can't

No indeed. According to the book, jazz career path to become leading ladies in experimental theatre, as Cleo did at the Royal Court in the Fifties, under Tony Richardsoo and George Devine. She was required less for her acting skills than for her status as an authentic black girl with presence and beauty. Dankworth also kept a foothold in the smart avant-garde world, writing the music for, amongst other movies, Joseph Losey's The Servant, scripted by a hero of the new wave. "Yeah, I wrote a song with Harold Pinter," he said proudly. "In The Servant, though, it wasn't much of a song. The first line is, Leave it alone, it's all gone'. And the second line is, 'Leave it alone, it's all gone'..." We were quite friendly at the time, and I said to him, that could be a very good song, can you make it a standard lyric? And he just said, 'No, no, I don't see any reason

to change it'. And he never did." Did I mention that they will both turn 70 this autumn? I asked how they kept touring, at an age when most hard-living singer-musicians would be canted over plastic trays in the dayroom of some



bered, because of her tendency to ignore singers doo't divert abruptly from their John and Cleo: He is wayward when she is sensible, pedantic when she is nostalgic

every day, I don't need to exercise the vocal cords. Sleep is the most important thing for a singer." Could she still stay up to the small hours, drinking the baod under the table? "Oh I go to bed around 3am most oights," she said. "I'm a oight bird. But I only have a glass of red wine or two these days." She reconsidered, "Well sometimes I have a hinge, but I regret it the oext day and go off drink for a year..."

That voice of yours, I said, had it actually improved by hanging out in smoky clubs all these years? She looked at me. "Improved?" Dankworth diplomatically stepped in. "It always makes jazz people bristle," he explained, "this idea that you can't have a jazz club without smoke. In New York now, jazz clubs are almost devoid of smoke." "I wish they were in hlinking Europe." said Cleo with feeling. "Cos I simply hate it." Extraordinary to hear such a thing from the queen of torch singers, a woman whose voice has most reg-

ularly been described as "smoky". "Either that or 'coffee coloured', "said Dankworth. Was it true that she could sing only one octave when Dankworth got to work oo ber? "I guess I'm a natural contraito. That's where my real voice lays." There was a silence. "Perhaps you mean lies, my dear," said John. "That's where my voice is," said

Cleo firmly. How had she trained it up to the high Cs? "I did it myself. The low register came oaturally, but the high ootes I had to acquire. I found the soundingboards within this very large head." Sounding boards? "Every head's got them - in the chest, in the jaw, in the bone structure, all the little places here and here [she indi-

sible and practical than I am." "I'm just a typical wife," said Cleo. "But we both have our moments. We can be sensible. then start behaving like a five-year-old." "More a seven-year-old," said John. "We keep each other on our toes," said Cleo,

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cated the pouches of her cheeks] where you can find a a way of singing either a higher note, or a better note or a clearer note. A lot of people doo't bother using them. I know singers in America who say they have all the top ootes but didn't want to use them because they weren't fashionable. Until they heard me, that is ... "

Dankworth once told an interviewer, What hinds us most is music - that and the fact that we have oothing in common." Did he mean it? "It's just instinctive," said John. "Wheo we're threading our way across a restaurant, I'll think the best way is round this table, and she'll think it's that table. We just think differ-

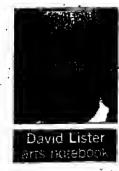
The last question is about her new status as a Dame. After a lifetime of plaudits, awards, recognition, fame and the friendship of the great, would it change her? Cleo coosidered it, raising her queenly head. "My daughter asked me that the other day. I told her, It might make me a little more ... assertive'. You should have seen her face." "It'll make a nice change," said John, "from the wimpy, negative persoo she was before." Cleo delivered her best barmaid laugh: "So hard done by..." she said, through giggles. "All I can says is," said her husband, "is, if she's a Dame, I'm proud to be Buttons. Or am I thinking of Widow Twankey?"

ently in lots of ways. She's much more sen-

hen Tony Blair invited a hunch of showbiz folk to party at No. 10 th there were numerous reminders that he was following in a starry. prime ministerial tradition. Harold Wilson was always having The Beatles in to Downing Street soirces, after all. Well, up to a point. The Beatles weren't there all that often. But I dimly recall that Kenny Lynch was on the Wilson guest list a lot.

Kenny who? Fractly. Amiable middle-of-the-road singer, did a bit of panto latterly. Prime ministers are not always the best star-spotters. And, like the rest of us, they tend to confuse artists and the roles they play.

Mr Blair has invited actress Jennifer Ehle, for example, But we all know that he hasn't really. The person he actually wants to meet is Elizabeth Bennet in the hope that he can make a better first impression than Mr Darcy on the witty, incisive bronette.



Now he will find out that in real life Jeanifer Ehle is sick of talking about P and P, can't speak in Jane Austen aphorisms without a script, and is hlonde.

Noel Gallagher of Oasis is a canny choice. Well, cannier than Liam, who would have brought Palsy and, well, what is a Prime Minister to do? But the one time I shared so aperitif with the Brothers Gallagher, they made it clear they would only drink from the bottle, not the

Tony's new party pals

elass. So Mr Blair faces a baptism of fire with his first luvvy party. Swigging the beer with his new Oasis chum while uttering acerbie witticisms to Miss Ehle from the side of his mouth. Tea and saodwiches with the TUC would have been

The South Bank Centre is to be renamed. A gift of around £17m from the publisher Paul Hamlyn towards the centre's proposed redevelopment has inspired the board to change the name to the Paul Hamlyn Centre. There is oo doobting Mr Hamlyn's generosity. But surely one of the concert halls could have been named after Mr Hamlyn rather than the whole London landmark. Surely the Arts

Council, which funds the Ceotre Heritage hlue plaque in honour and owns the land, should have been given a chance to discuss the name-change. And what if the Arts Council does oot approve a National Lottery

award for the Centre's redevelopment? This sounds a little like a decision made to hurry the Council into signing over the lottery millions.

Oo Wednesday afternoon, I was sipping champagne with Sir John Gielgud in the gardeo of Dame Edith Evans's childhood home. (Well, if you had a line like that wouldn't you flaunt it?) Sir John, at the age of 93, had just given what could he his last public performance. And performance it certainly was. He was unveiling an English

of Dame Edith Evans at her childhood home in Ebury Street.

He ambied towards the microphone at the porch of Dame Edith's former home, used just one finger against a railing as support uoder the baking sun, eschewed any form of script or notes, smiled impishly, looked out into the street and conjured up the scene

80 years before. "I can see her now, walking along Ebury Street with the young, amhitious Noël Coward escortiog her home from the

Obligiog the photographers, he leant through a window and banged his head on it with a rather sickening thud, but shrugged it off. He was back on



a public stage and eveo the greatest sciors collide with the props occasionally.

Io the garden afterwards, I asked him how he was. He sighed mellifluously. "Oh, my hearing's oot good, you know. I go to all these doctors and they tell me all these things that are wroog with me. The stage is out for me. Just couldn't do it." And films? "Oh, I'm doing a

some more in the pipeline.'
And televisioo? "Oh, of course, televisioo." Let's hope his doctors are as active at 93.

film oext week, and there are

Art illuminates the human condition at the Hayward Gallery's "Running Time" exhibition. In a darkened gallery, artist Tatsuo Miyajima has 40 illuminated miniature cars careering round the floor. Critics have seen the cars as portraying the way we move through life at different paces. pursuing random, unpredictable paths. One car was motionless, stark and challenging in its obdurate separateoess

Did this, I asked the gallery guide, signify death, the frailty of human existence or non-

conformism? Nooe of these, he answered sheepishly. The battery had run

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The History of the World: Why can't a woman astronaut be more like a man Louis Armstrong, and all that



It's only rock 'n' roll

... to the cynical British but, to the Israeli teen idol Aviv Geffen, three chords and the truth are all you need to right the wrongs of the world. James Rampton talks to an exile on Acacia Avenue

epaulettes and a row of medals. At the door of the run-down north London recording-studio he leans against a tattered poster advertising a Fleetwood Mac tribute band and mumhles something about not feeling up to our interview yet. Instead, he has a quick caffeine-and-cigarette fix before staggering into the studio with his equally dishevelled band. Then he straps on his axe-hero's Rickenbacker and launches into a full-decibel, head-down, co-ooosense, mindless boogie jamming session to blow away the cobwebs. Just your average rock star, then.

Well, no, actually. Geffen is far from your average rock star. How many rock stars do you know who have been stoned off stage by Jewish fundamentalists, attacked by knifemen posing as fans, and subjected to so many death threats that they have to wea a bullet-proof vest and employ a phalanx of bodyguards for public appearances? As if that weren't enough, the vociferously anti-establishment Geffeo has also been denounced by the Israeli President and was obliged to quit his homeland for his own safety and pursue his career in Britain. He is a genuine example of that over-used phrase, "the protest singer", living, breathing proof that pop and polines

are joined at the hip – at least in Israel.

Geffen is cooling off in a cafe over the road from the studio after the sweaty, high-kicking, arms-wind-milling jam. Diminutive, with dark good looks enhanced by mascara and a purple shirt open to the midriff, there is more than a touch of the Artist Formerly Known as Prince about him. A serious man who seems old before his time, he sighs that "it's impossible to avoid politics in art. There is a peace element to everything I write. I feel inspired by it. Every song is one of my screams. I don't want to sing 'the sky is blue' - that would be boring. It's hard to be happy in Israel. We don't have one day where everything is just normal, where you just lie on the griss and nothing happens. You open the paper and things just jump out at your face."

Geffen omits to mention that several of these headlines have in fact been caused by him. For many of his fellow countrymen, he is a walking provocation. In the past couple of years, he has enraged bullish hardliners with a series of red-rag pronouncements. After the election victory of the Likud Party, he advised young people to "pack your bags and fiee Israel". His subsequent description of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as an "empty, hollow-hearted man" was scarcely calculated to endear him to the authorities, either.

He went on to fan the flames of right-wing outrage when he said that: "The Wall of Pink Floyd means more to me than the Western Wall. I don't refusal to be conscripted, his fierce criticism of the Israeli military, and his support for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, gays, cross-dressers, women and animals merely push him further heyond the pale for Israeli traditionalists. Unsurprisingly, fundamentalists have depicted Geffen as

But to the followers of his Israeli youth movement, The times they are a-changing: but Aviv Geffen mown as "The Tears Rebellion", he is anything but. (left) still recognises the power of a song

glasses, the unshaven Israeli musician the seemingly impossible: melding the trivia of pop Aviv Geffen emerges shakily from a transit van. It is midday, and he is wearing a military-style hlue jacket with a long and a military-style hlue jacket with a long and content that sell out many times over. Teenagers hold nightly vigils outside his former flat in Tel Aviv (he is now domiciled in north London) and daub his lyrics in graffiti across the city. The fact that Israeli government ministers have urged parents to prohibit their children from listening to Geffeo's records has merely boosted his street cred. We're talk-

ing serious, disaffected-youth rock-god here. His iconic status was further bolstered in November 1995 when he played at the rally for peace in front of 300,000 on the main square in Tel Aviv. There he became the last person to embrace Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and bid him "Shalom" (peace), a mere 10 minutes before he was gunned down by the fanatical Yigal Amir. "I'm just 24, and I came face to face with death."

is bleary eyes concealed behind tinted. In their eyes, Geffen is one figure who can achieve tions," he declares. "The Bihle belongs to me as well as to them. They're afraid of me because I teach the youth aod bring them to a new understanding. I don't want Israel to become like the Third World, like Iran. For the fanatically religious. I've hecome a symbol of modern Israel, someone who wears make-up and a dress and they don't like it. They prefer macho types. I'm holding the flag for weakness. Let's cry and write about the tears.

His language is littered with such phrases, apparently lifted straight from the Dictionary of Rock Star Cliches. If you can get beyond that, however, there is no doubting Geffen's bravery. "I don't give a shit about the death there's "he death the series". about the death threats," he claims. "It's a price Γm prepared to pay. I'd prefer to die with the truth than live with the lies. My weapon is my pen. I believe in a God of love, and my opponents believe in a God of blood. When they start to shoot in the name of God, it's very daogerous and ugly. If I don't agree with someone, I never throw stooes at them. I'll fight

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Geffeo says, still sounding shocked at the mem- for their right to speak their minds against me, but ory. "With three hullets, Amir killed both a very

brave man and the peace." Rabbi Schmuel Boteach, who describes himself as "in the camp of the Israeli right", speaks for many in voicing scepticism about the so-called "voice of a generation". Geffeo's statement that he'd give up Israeli land is, he believes, naïve. It forgets that the Jews are the most persecuted nation on earth, Throughout history, the majority were exploited or slaughtered. So for someone like Aviv to say that land is unimportant is to be ignorant of all Jewish history. It's like saying 'take my home'. Where are you going to live then? On the street and die from the elements? Jews deserve a country of their own. That's why Aviv is eliciting the ire of the older generation. They feel he's undermining their sacrifice. Jews must rely on themselves for protection. If they gave away land, they'd elicit the contempt of the world. Creating peace between Palestinians and Jews is an admirable goal, but not at the expense of civil war.

the same must apply to me. I doo't want to shut up. Never, oever. It's my country, too. I have every right to speak my mind. If I stopped singing because of them, they'd have won." Stirring stuff.

For all that, Geffen is the first to admit that his actual music - tuoeful, if unadventurous, guitar-driven rock anthems - is caught in a time-warp. After all, his country's rock heritage thus far amounts to two Eurovisioo Soog Cootest victories in the 1970s. "From an English point of view, our music can seem very tacky," he concedes, "because we're stuck in the 1980s. Israel has been culturally isolated, and we have to take steps to catch up. I'm very hippy -'peace and love, man.' I may seem like an idiot, but oo the other hand it's refreshing. I'm a reaction

against the cynicisor of English music Continuing in this uncynical vein, Geffen passicoately states that his songs "cao change things. I'm doing now what Boh Dylan did in the 1960s fighting for peaceful ends. Israel oow is like the US "His comments about the Army upset people, was in the 1960s." Like his other hero, John

'If I stopped, I'd disappoint my critics. They'd have no one to complain about. They'd be bored'

too," Boteach cootinues. "There's hardly a family Lennon, he asserts that "we've got to give peace a in Israel that haso't lost a member. It's an insult to all those who have sacrificed their lives. And for Aviv to say that The Wall means more to him than the Western Wall is offensive. To randomly fire off words believe in stones. I believe in human beings," His offensive to religion is grossly immoral. Aviv's comments are incredibly simplistic. You need more complex solutions to complex situations. He has great

vision, but it is not necessarily ned to reality." In response, Geffen tries to explain why he has so upset the Israeli religious community. "Because

I have an open mind and I'm always asking ques-

chance. It's a very short life. On any day, a Russian politician could drink too much vodka, press the nuclear button and everythiog would explode. You have to live for the day."

He may sound naïve to jaded, media-savvy British ears, but Geffen undeniably appeals to a younger generation in Israel, sick to the back teeth of conflict. "Yitzhak Rabin gave me the haton of peace," he concludes, grandly. "Now I have to give it to the youth. Anyway, if I stopped, I'd disappoint my critics. They'd have no ooe to complain about. They'd be bored."

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The 103rd season of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts presented by the BBC opened with Bernard Haitink conducting Kanta Mattita, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Herbert Lippert, Anthony Michaels-Moore, the BBC Symphony

Orchestra and chorus in Beethoven's choral masterpiece, Missa Solemnis.

Julie Christie stars as a wealthy wife caught between her womanising husband and her first lover in a play by Marguerite Duras, designed by Johan Engels and directed by Lindy Davies, whose Old Times with Christic was startlingly successfut. With Julle Legrand and Robert Hickson.

Paul Taylor was unmoved by Christie's

eye-swivel responses worthy of Miss

Suzanna Andler

A gay Friends meets The Big Chill as eight guys spend three weekends together in Terrence McNally's screenptay of his Broadway award-winner, filmed by its stage director, first-timer Joe Mantello, Jason Alexander (from Seinfeld) replaces Nathan Lane,

otherwise the cast remains intact.

Adam Mars-Jones winced at the

sentimentality. "Characters alternately bitch, reminisce and wallow." "For all

the film's flashes of wit or tendemess

there are enough irritants here to put

your back up, whatever your sexual

stripe," sneered The Times. "Any more

artfully ravishing pathos and we could

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Stephen Johnson saluted the technical security and intellectual conviction but "the earth failed to move; the tingle-o-meter hardly twitched." "Performing it is itself a test of faith ... one that Bernard Haitink not merely endured but surmounted," trumpeted the Telegraph. "A performance that shook the rafters, exhilarated the senses and stirred the soul ... What is it about this concert series that lifts the best musicians to superhuman levels of endeavour?" wondered The Times. "Deeply felt ... the kind of fighting spirit we want to start the series, affirmed the FT. * A shame and missed coportunity that (the performance) was only half-strength ... A concert unsure of its aim," the Standard, "Began well

Babs in Acorn Antiques ... You'd get more gripping drama from watching your fridge defrost." "Duras, alas, is not famous for her jokes ... rather tike a French version of an Anita Brookner novel," gagged the FT, "It is not that the play has dated particularly with the passing decades, it's just that every scene takes decades to pass," growled the Telegraph. "Christie radiates a very English, district nurse common sense Guardian. "Duras's barking.

.. a decided mistire," opined The menopausal play," snorted The Express "No doubling its class, especially when as physically elegant and emotionally tine an actress as Christie is in control," allowed The Times.

At the Minerva Studio, Chichester (01243-781312) to 9 Aug.

expect the next visitor to be Giacomo Puccini," scoffed the FT. "it's not really life we're watching, it's lifestyles," sniped the Standard. "The sound of theatre talking to itself. You can just about get away with that on stage, but not on film," argued The Spectator. "Unexpectedly stinging ... leaves the neck-hairs standing," approved Time Out, "Moves easily from comedy through drama into near tragedy," nodded The Guardian.

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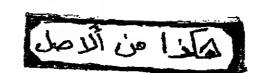
enough," burbled The Spectator.

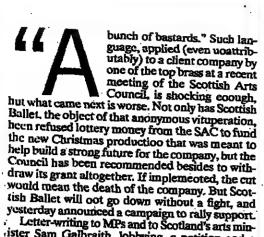
Cert 15 (a pleasant surprise from the less than pro-gay British Board of Film Classification), I14 mins

For die-hard Christie fans only. To see her at her best, rent the video of Don't Look Now instead,

More a case of Love! Velour! Compassion! The Boys in the Band goes







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and all that

ister Sam Galbraith, lobbying, a petition and a fighting fund are all part of the strategy: As the company's marketing director Lucy Shorrocks declares, "We will not be pulling any punches, will not allow Scottish Ballet to go to the wall."

Scottish Ballet is not just any old company.

Scottish Ballet is not just any old company. Founded oearly 30 years ago by the then Arts Council of Great Britain, it met a oeed that had been voiced for decades before that. Peter Darrell, its first director and choreographer, bad one of the liveliest and most original minds in British dance. Bringing with him (from Bristol via Sadler's Wells) a team - administrator, dancers and the Wells) a team – administrator, dancers and staff

used to working together, he quickly set a policy that has lasted. The repertory was to combine classics and new works; the creations were often adventurously conceived, the revivals sometimes of less familiar ballets, and always in treatments carefully adapted to the company's capabilities. There was as much Scottish content as possible in ehoreography, music and subject matter, and, to develop Scottish dancers, a school was started which, aided by Glasgow City Council, has become a focal point for dance teaching in Scotland. Another major factor was a determination to serve the whole of the country, travelling nationwide to small towns and villages as well as big cities.

On top of becoming a truly national company, Scottish Ballet has always been internationally suc-cessful too. Judge its dance standards by the fact that Margot Fonteyn, Natalia Makarova and Rudolf Nureyev were only the most famous of many stars delighted to come as guests. Scottish Ballet is also the only British dance company to have had a whole series of productions by the most sought-after of European choreographers, Jiri Kylian. Tours have taken it to America, Australia, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Japan (where it sold more tickets than the Bolshoi Ballet), Korea, Malaysia, Spain, Russia (where it became the first foreign company ever to perform in Moscow's Kremlin Palace) and the Ukraine.

So what went wrong? First, as calculated by the

Scottish Arts Council's own client review, Scottish Ballet was underfunded to the extent of £185,000 in 1995 and progressively more since then. But the vitally needed funds were not forthcoming because the SAC simply did not have the money. That defi-ciency limited what could be done in the way of new productions, despite good box-office returns and surprisingly resilient sponsorship. Besides, there has always been a faction within the SAC (as indeed there is further south too) that finds ballel, for all its audience popularity, outmoded and would prefer a small modern-dance company. This ——But Scottish Ballet not unreasonably wondered —were just not there".



The Scottish Arts Council started out trying to cut the number of Scottish orchestras. It's ended up trying to cut Scottish Ballet as well. John Percival begs them all to think again

pany, Rambert Dance, can only balf-fill Edin- of the supposed savings were oever produced. All burgh's Festival Theatre for four nights at a time, whereas Scottish Ballet plays there for two weeks a season, and to good houses.

The final straw was the problem of the orchestras. As loog ago as 1991, it became apparent that Scotland had more than it could afford, especially as Scottish Opera's large full-time orchestra was

was put forward for Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra all to share resources. The theory was that this would generate savings, while an overall increase in government funding for the arts in Scotland was promised too.

despite the fact that Britzin's best modern com- why, during the 18 mooths of negotiations, details But the Scottish Office and the SAC had made

they could see, in fact, was an obligation for them to pay £300,000 a year more - as their contribution to a large full-time orchestra - than their present frugal part-time orchestra costs, and no firm commitment from anyone for help towards the bill.

What board, in their right minds, could agree? The Musicians' Union, as it happens, backs the If Scottish Ballet were to disappear, not just the dancers,

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so clearly under-used. Various merger proposals over the years all fell through. Finally, a scheme retary, told me this week that they had also asked in vain for proper figures. When these were not forthcoming, they did their own calculations and found that "it didn't add up". That was confirmed, according to Scottish Ballet's general manager David Williams, when eventually the figures for the merger scheme were produced and "the savings

up their minds. They exhorted the companies to make "a leap of faith". The others, with nothing to lose, agreed; Scottish Ballet, without anything firmer than vague murmurings about likely sources from which to meet the increased costs, said it could not do so. At this point, according to the SAC, the Ballet withdrew from the negotiations: the company's chairman, Oona Ivory, bowever, insists that they did not walk out. "We knew how that would be represented. We went only because we were told to leave."

She would still like to sit down and talk to find solution. "The last thing I want is to have some kind of acrimonious dispute with the Scottisb Arts Council," she told me, "We need to get round a table and put our needs across,"

Scottish Ballet has a seven-year artistic plan prepared by its artistic director Galina Samsova. According to Oona Ivory, when it was put to the SAC's dance committee, she asked every member in turn whether they endorsed it, and every one said yes. "Yet our artistic ambitions are continually frustrated. This is a vigorous but small nation; it deserves If Scottish Ballet were to disappear, not just the from Scottish Ballet's tartan-clad 'Sylphide'

dancers, staff and musicians would be out of work. The Dance School of Scotland depends on its relationship with the company. Audiences would be deprived of programmes they enjoy, and theatres left with gaps in their schedules (just when increased facilities are being provided through the Lottery). Scottish trade would lose the impetus, contacts and publicity that Scottisb Ballet's overseas tours have repeatedly provided. And Scotland's reputation would suffer in the eyes of millions worldwide.

I rang the Scottish Arts Council earlier this week and asked what they were doing to help save a company that was both a major artistic asset to the country and an important source of economic benefit too. The answer I received was that "A decision will be made in August, when the Council meets. It would not be useful to speculate before then." Not good enough: they should be working to avoid what would surely be seen in Scotland and outside as a national disaster and a disgrace. That is the message which Scottish Ballet's campaign must now get over to the SAC, the politicians and the whole country.

the very best in ballet, opera, theatre and music." A Scotsman on the make or break? A scene

Teen dreams of a musical wunderkind

PROMS Opera North Royal Albert Hall, London / BBC Radio 3

cent sexual imaginings bal-ance very precisely between libidinous, not to say lewd fantasy, and the most chaste idealisation of the object of sexual desire. For most of us, it remains fantasy, abiding or not, but Erich Wolfgang Korngold, the Wonder Boy of German music in the years around the First World War, had the talent to turn it into opera. Mind you, with Puccini and Strauss (both admirers of Korngold's prodigious talent) dominating European stages, the young man had plenty of models for his

febrile musico-dramatic style. His one-act opera Violanta, written in 1914 when Korngold was 17, lives and breathes the slightly fetid air of late Late Romanticism. Strings shudder and shimmer, the brass heaves and pants, their fevers fanned by the harp, and by the piano placed at the heart of the orchestra. And then there are the voices, out-Straussing Strauss with the clash of heartsugging lyricism and terrifying high notes. Hans Müller's libretto sets the action in 15thcentury Venice, an exotic locaatmosphere. A woman vows revenge on her sister's seducer, but then falls for him herself. finally secrificing herself on her

hushand's dagger. Overblown? Of course, but it's easy to get carried along on the emotional surge. Opera North's Proms presentation on Thursday was first billed as being semi-staged but, in the event, it was a concert performance, with only the merest hint of interplay to denote dramatic action. With no surtitles to help out, the audience had to follow the story by way of the translation in the programme, a task made trickier by singing that often blurred both vowels and consonants.

In the end, though, it worked. f I remember rightly, adoles-Conducting the English Northern Philharmonia for the last time as Opera North's music director, Paul Daniel struck the right balance between indulging the music, and moving it briskly along. The heart of the opera is a long, long duet between Violanta and the vile seducer. Alfonso, who turns out to be quite a nice chap. The duet lasts nearly half an hour, too long in a 75-minute opera, but it's a pleasing showpiece.

Dramatically and vocally,

Violanta is Salome's little sister. Janice Cairus invested the role with tremendous dramatic presence, but scooped at too many notes, some of which were quite harsh. Hans Aschenbach's Alfonso had a lovely warmth in the middle of the range, even if the top of the voice couldn't cope with Korngold's inordinate demands. There again, few could. Jonathan Summers played the husband with due gravitas, and smaller roles were all well taken. At times all the voices were swallowed in the orchestral maeistrom, more a sign of Korngold's immaturity

than of vocal shortcomings.

The eveoing began with
Straviosky's Perushka. On the
podium, Daniel himself seemed to be taking the role of the pup-pet Petrushka, rocking back and forth as if pulled by strings in the Albert Hall ceiling. The acoustic blurred some of the staccato rhythms, and not all the wind soloists were quite oo top of the game, but it was a winning performance, its magnetic qualities attested to by the depth of the few silences Stravinsky allows

his orchestra. Paul Daniel will be missed at Opera North. English National Opera can look forward to fireworks when he arrives there io the autumn.

Nick Kimberley

It's political certainly, but is it correct?

INSTALLATION ARTS Relocating the Remains Royal College of Art, London; Fat Cow Tannery Gallery, London

That it feels like to be black and what it feels like to be fat: hands-oo experiences offered by two installation artists in shows that opened at the Royal College of Art and at the Tannery Gallery (in Bermondsey Street, south London) this

Confronted by the interactive CD-Rom game Caught Like a Nigger in Cyberspace and with an electronic mouse as a trigger, you know you have to shoot the black man jigging about within the superimposed gunsights in order to enter the scenario. With an all-black gallery staff watching you, it can be embarrassing whether you are white or black. Cyberspace is one of three CD-Rom /

video works by the 36-year-old black British artist, Keith Piper, curated at the RCA by the Institute of International Video Arts.

Much of the impact of this, his 15-year mid-career retrospective, Relocating the Remains, comes from his use of sturningly brilliant digital technology as a medium

for issue-led art. In his video collage, Unrecorded Histories, a big screeo shows bands turning the pages of the log book of a slave ship as the plan of a deck cargo of slaves drifts eerily across the background and the good ship Jesus, the first slaver, sets sail for Africa. The viewer, hand to mouse, is ensconced at a polished mahogany office desk lit by a brass lamp, as the images swirl and blend within a decorative gilt frame - posh objects redolent of domi-nant white culture. There is a soundtrack

of sad negro songs. But to return to the "nigger" lost in cyberspace: if you shoot straight, you will be rewarded with "a welcome beneath the silicon suo for you and your family" (a young white mom, pop and baby zoom out, grinning) and an opportunity to apply for eotry by choosing the user pro-file that best describes you. The correct (as in PC) click-oo ehoice is either the nerdy Tech-Head or Other, a hlack silhouette. But the successful choice is the Al Gore Lookalike. It's witty.

"Others" are invited to abandon their application, to trespass in cyberspace (very nasty, more opportunities to shoot the hlack man), or are told, "Wait until we are ready to see you" - the caption to a roomful of empty chairs. Click on the "I'm off" spot or wait for ever.

My clicks kept sending me back to the same feisty blonde receptionist and her



Thank you for visiting cyberspace. Have a nice day: Keith Piper's CD-Rom

message: "Thank you for visiting Cyberspace. Have a nice day." Piper told me afterwards: "I think she's rather pleasant."
He gets his astonishing effects from a humble Apple Macintosh 8200 that cost him £1,200 two years ago and the software

packages Photoshop and After Effects. CD-Rom /video art is about as little known in this country as black art. Piper and Sonia Boyce, Britain's leading black artists, are seldom reviewed outside the art press. As for Britain's white electronic artists, only Simon Robertshaw has gained mainstream acclaim, for his sequences of rotting cow at the Natural History

Final embarrassment at the hands of Piper: his electronic exploration of black masculinity in Negrophilia, oo a small screen right beside the RCA's reception desk. My first few clicks located a black man in flagrante with a white woman (cue soundtrack of female gasps), then the white female cliché, "To you I was always just a body", captioning an image of a black female oude. I made an excuse and clicked "Exit".

As an experience of identity, Gill Oliver's Fat Cow installation, one of the exhibits that had a four-day ruo in "Sight Unseen" at the Tannery Gallery earlier this month, was not much easier.

There were no electronics, but usherette: aided viewers in making a quick-click choice between two entry doors marked "Not thin" and "Not fat", rubber-stamping

the backs of our hands accordingly.

The criteria for "Not thin", they explained to the perplexed, were a waist in excess of 34ins for men and a dress size

larger than 14 for womeo. These days,

even a size 16, the commonest size, is considered fat. You get the idea. Through the doors, in a darkened room, hang a dozeo suspended latex moulds of the head and torso of the artist, swaying in draughts of air from fans and illuminated by flashing greeo lights. Ms Oliver is 5ft 1in tall and weighs 16-and-

It was difficult to squeeze past the pale, puffy forms without touching them. Acrylic mirrors oo the walls distorted them, while an audio track dispensed muffled insults, such as, "Look at the state of

Ms Oliver is a social worker who runs a resideotial home and day centre for people with learning disabilities. She knows the damage mockery can do. This was her first installation and she was pleased with the response. Among the remarks in her visitors' book: "It burt. Maybe only thin people should be allowed in." But why did some people kiss the moulds? 'Keith Piper: Relocating the Remains' continues at the RCA, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (0171-636 1930) to 13 August: the accompanying monograph and CD-Rom are available at the exhibition price of £15

John Windsor

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Getting in a state

We must make Europe work, says Denis MacShane

The Question of Europe edited by Peter Gowan and Perry Anderson, Verso, £40 hb/£15 pb

eine complained that while the British had the sea, and the French and Russians the land, the Germans were undisputed masters of dreams. How boots move oo to other feet. The view of Britain as empirical and pragmatic in contrast to the constitutional, logic-chopping Continentals now needs revision. Germany, France and other European nations plod quietly forward in the search for integration and co-operation in Europe. The devolved, separated centres of power across the Channel make the European process a tortuous compromise.

What a contrast with the Anglo-Saxoo world, as this excellent collection of essays shows. Here are vierundzwanzig Professoren dancing on the head of a pin, proving to their own delight the impossibility and inevitability of Europe almost in the same paragraph. The ceotralisation of the European debate in recent years in the hothouse salons of SW1 and the City gave rise to a feverish Euroscepticism. On May Day, the voters reduced the heat with a rational rejection of Europhobia. But the dreaming and idea-spinning go on.

In a sense, we are all Eurosceptics now. With enlightened detachment, we seek a reason for Europe rather than put blind faith in any procouncement from Brussels or Strasbourg. We can now see that, far from being a federal superstate steamrollering its way over popular will, Europe is fragile and insecure. The absence of statesmanship in the Nineties leaves it ready to break up into disgruntled nations and blocks with competing monetary policies, and labour markets. A Hobbesian Europe of all against all is more in nightmares) of federalism and diktats from Brussels.

Harold Macmillan knew who to blame for Europe. It was "the Jews, the Planners and the old cosmopolitan element", he said. In much of present-day Tory discourse against Europe, one senses the old Adam of hate against the protocols of the elders of Brussels. Can the ocw government decouple Britain from the obsessive navel-gazing about Europe among our intelligentsia, press and the Euro-hostile BBC? A good start has been made, but the failure over four decades to explain Europe may cost us dear.

There are plenty of ideas and arguments in this collection, which brings together many essays published in journals. They include some surprises. Who would have expected Edward Luttwak, not long ago the high priest of Reagan anti-Communism, to be a closet Jospinist, pleading for spending and demand to create jobs? Guy Standiog, Britain's best labourmarket statistician, now exiled in Geneva, offers the subversive thought that if the contribution of the black economy is included in nfficial figures, the Maastricht criteria cease to be a problem.

The most sophisticated defence of the political economy of EMU comes from Sam Aaronovitch. It is written in academic prose hut bears working through. If Aaronovitch could only coovey his important analysis in the flippant, nouveautabloid style of his namesake David, the new governing élite would have a guide worth following. The editors, Peter Gowan and Perry Anderson, are standard-bearers of the old New Left, but have included discussions by conservatives such as John Keogan, English Christian Democrats such as Tim Garton Ash and that gloomy Spenglerian, Conor Cruise O'Brien.

Trying to fit the classical templates of political science or constitutional theory over Europe is impossible. European constructioo is a process, not an end, and it remains the most fascinating political game in town. Get Europe wrong and you pay a heavy price; ask the Tories. Get Europe right, and a great deal of what needs to be done in our own mini-federation - of three-and-a-half nations, five or six religions, stuttering regional economies, and a mosaic of cultures and ethnicities - will fall





A chronicle waste of time

s the success of Simoo Schama's Citizens and Orlando Figes's recent history of the Russian revolutioo demnnstrates, oarrative history is enjoying a sustained revival. The key to success is an artful and judicious mixture of narrative and analysis. Orlando Figes's book, which Gilbert draws oo substantially in the sections on Russia, provided the correct recipe: some socioecocomic analysis but not too much, layered with fas-cinating biographical details, human interest stories, cinating biographical details, human interest stories, sexuality and even gossip. But Gilbert's penny-plain, "Just the facts, ma'am" history will surely appeal only to historical Gradgrinds. Apart from a brief overview of the causes of the First World War, there is almost no analysis and even the anecdotes have a Readers' find about them. Digest "curious facts" feel about them.

Gilhert has elected to follow a strictly year-by-year sequence in his history, which largely reduces his book to the status of a chronological dictionary of dates, and the inevitable absurdities of this genre are not avoided. An entry for 1901 sets the tone: "Painting flourished: Paul Gauguin, Edvard Munch and Pablo Picasso produced major canvasses that year." These are all well-known artists, and perhaps it is unfair to carp at the jejune banality of the seotence. But what aboot the following, under year 1910: "Emilio Zapata challenged the rule of President Diaz ... During a revolt of government troops in Mexico City, Diaz was overthrown and replaced as president by Francisco Madero. Zapata remained at large." As a cap-

Too many facts and not enough biographical detail, sex or gossip make history a dull subject, argues Frank McLynn

A History of the Twentieth Century: volume one 1900-1933 by Martin Gilbert, HarperCollins, £30

sule description of the Mexican Revolution this is hadicrous. Since Madero came to power with Zapata's help, why should not the latter "remain at large"? And this is all we get on the origins of the Mexican cataclysm, one of the most shattering revolutionary events of the century. Later, under the year 1914, we are told that with General Hnerta's downfall, Mexico returned to a "less dictatorial regime". In fact it returned to no regime at all, but a 12-month period of anarchy and chaos. And in any case, to take judicial notice, Diaz, Zapata, Madero, who they? The reader surely needs more guidance than this.

In general, the sections on Latin America are weak. There is oothing about the disastrous Chaco was between Bolivia and Paraguay which broke out in 1932 and claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. The sections on the internal history of the United States are also poor, in cootrast to the full treatment meted out to Russia and the Soviet Union. Even in the realm of British history, where Gilbert is generally reliable, there are some curious gaps. Surely the year 1919

should have carried some mention of the only police strike in this island's history? And the nasty Irish Civil War of 1922 becomes simply: "There were also many assassinations in Ireland in 1922." Churchill, predictably from this author, receives his due and more than his due. His disastrous stance on India is sanitised, so that we bear of his coodemnation of General Dyer and the 1919 Amritsar massacre but not of his description of Gandhi as a "half-naked fakir", oor this on the subcontinent in general: "I hate Indians. They are a beastly people with a beastly religion."

Gilbert devotes much of his space to war, foreign affairs and international relations, but most of his are confined to the surface. There is an unacceptably anodyne description of the Washingtoo Japan to accept the 5:5:3 ratio of capital warships, with Japan humiliatingly receiving the third slot. The British were duped into abandoning the Japanese on the understanding that as a quid pro quo Washingtoo

would write off a substantial part of Lundon's war debt; but once the Americans got what they wanted. they forgot about the agreement. There is a good story

they forgot about the agreement. There is a good story here, involving subsequent Anglo-American tensions which cearly led to war in 1928, but the reader will find none of it in Gilbert's one-dimensional account. There is some curious lore of the "amazing facts" kind in this book, and a very good potted history of aviation from the Wright brothers onward. But technology, whether in the wider or narrower senses, is sketchily dealt with. In another of Gilbert's isolated sentences, which receives no further explanation, we sentences, which receives no further explanation, we read: "The year 1930 also saw the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Standard Oil Company." Those who already know the details of John D Rockefeller's career will oot need to be told this; those who don't will simply be baffled. Amazingly, in the index Reck-

efeller is listed separately from Standard Oil.

General histories of the 20th century are not impossible to write, but they must be informed by a mission to explain or at the very least a point of view. Eric Hobsbawm's brilliant survey of the "short 20th century" shows what can be done by a great historian maginative and analytical powers at white Naval Treaty of 1922, when the Americans forced the heat. A book like this, which is really an encyclopaedic British to abandon their treaty with Japan and obliged compendium of raw facts, is likely to leave the aver-Rip Van Winkle, fresh from a 100-year nap, could glean some useful information from this book, but it is hard to see who else could benefit.



European café society: an entertaining mix of low and high culture

Philosophy of the Euro-sausage

It's got Disneyland, intellectuals, English 'pubs' and Schopenhauer: Harry Pearson is confused by a two-tier Europe of the mind

Continental Drifts: travels in the new Europe by Nicholas Fraser, Secker and Warburg, £15.99
Travels as a Brussels Scout by Nick Middleton, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £17.99

erhaps it is something to do with English lack of self-confidence, but during a recent spell in Europe I found myself increasingly obsessed with what other nationalists thought Britain was like. Since these days most people's ideas about the rest of the world are gathered through their TV screens, I spent a lot of time flicking channels in hotel rooms looking for programmes about this country. There were lots of them. Unfortunately, most were made in the United Kingdom and dubbed or subtitled for local consumption. The selection itself was instructive, however. The British programmes the European broadcasters had chosen fell into two broad categories which we might call "Come quickly, Inspector! It's Sir Edward. He's dead", and "Whoooooah! Yeah! Rock 'n' roll!"

The styles never overlapped. Not once, for example, did the shaven-headed singer from Skunk Anansie leap out from behind a golden retriever and scare the living day-lights out of Inspector Adam Dalglish. The bumbling, suburban Sergeant Lewis was likewise absent from the sexy Eternal videos.

Such obvious contradictions are often the basis of our unthought-out judgemeots of other nations. So, Britain is simultaneously hidebound and hip; Sweden is dull and sexcrazed: Belgium boring and overrun with serial killers, and so on. We live in a two-tier Europe of the mind.

Further proof of this admittedly rather scanty thesis comes with the publication of a pair of entertaining travel books, both of which look at modern Europe. Authors Nicholas Fraser and Nick Middleton often tread the same ground, but rarely find the same things, When Middleton goes to Paris, for instance, he visits Disneyland and gets drunk in a string of "English" pubs. When Fraser goes to Paris he chats with the cext generation of Eurocrats at the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration and interviews Bernard Henri Levy.

As you might gauge from this, Nicholas Fraser's is the more serious work; an attempt to define what being a European means as we approach the (I'm sorry to have to use this word, but there's really no alternative) millennium. Fraser is extremely erudite, and at times his journey seems as much intellectual as physical - Baudrillard to Yeats as

well as Banjaluka to Yarmouth. The result is always interesting, the quotations apt and illuminating, although perhaps a problem arises from Fraser's relentlessly impeccable taste. Great artists have a universality. This is good for humanity, nni so good firr travel writers. Low culture tends to reflect current natinoal fears and prejudices in a way that high culture ofteo does not. Wheo he is in Sarajevo, for example, Fraser expresses disbelief at the view that France is worried by the thought of an Islamic state in the beart of Europe. A glance at any French bookstall, however, would have turned up the works of Enki Bilal, one of France's most popular and acclaimed graphic nevelists. Bital (born in Belgrade but brought up in Paris) sets his work in a future Europe ripped apart by a terrorist war between Christian and Moslem factions. The fear, however ill-

founded, is real. The omission is surprising since Fraser is particularly good on France. The section dealing with Parisian intellectual life is both entertaining and provocative, a complicated and truthful mix of admiration and scepticism. On the one hand we have the brave and humane Camps, up the other Sartre cynically babbling, "A revolutionary regime must dispose of a certain number of individuals which threaten it, and I can see no other means of accomolishing this than death." The only consolution for which, is that after recent events in Cambodia, Jean-Paul and Pol Pot are now able to enjoy a cosy fireside char together while Ceausescu roasts chestnuts for them.

While Fraser's prose sometimes mimics the lucid, slippery style of the modern French philosophers he approvingly quotes. Nick Middleton writes with straightforward and relentless good humour. At times, when mere jauntiness replaces the jokes, he can sound a hit like noe of theme round robin letters that arrive at Christmas from people you are sure you are related to but can't quite figure out how. Thankfully this rarely happens. He is good on quirky detail (in the TGV he notices that the mirrored ceiling allows you to watch other passengers picking their noses upside down) and o nice turn of phrase (a Dane has "fingers so thick they looked like a handful of thumbs"). Middleton is less knowledgeable than Fraser about literature (He confuses the nationality of the fictional Inspector Maigret with that of his Belgian creator, Georges Simeton, for example) but knows considerably more about breakfasts. If you read both books you may come away with the impression that Europe is part Schopenhauer, part sausages Which is probably as ocar the truth as anything else.



Coming and going

Men have one-night stands; women have babies. That's evolution, says Gail Vines

Winy is Sex Fun?: the evolution of human sexuality by Jared Diamond, Weidenfeld, £11.99

he title of this small but perfectly formed text is eyecatching, but a bit of a con. Jared Diamond doesn't even mention orgasms. You won't find anything here about the evolution of sexual pleasure, in all its extra-

Like most sociobiologists. Diamond is chiefly interested in the "norm" - the middle-class American couple with two children and the occasional affair on the side. He starts from the perspective of the family dog: Diamond's mission is to explain why our species goes in for "recreational sex", when lots of other animals only spend any time on sex when there's a good chance

His general argument will be familiar to a generation raised on Richard Dawkins' Selfish Gene. Men like sex because they are programmed to spread their genes around. Women are more wary, afraid of ending up pregnant and single. But women have recreational sex with their partners in an often vain attempt to try to hang on to them.

In Diamond's world view, the battle of the sexes is hard-wired; a conflict of genetic interests is the "cruel fact" of life. In this storyline, women get left holding the baby because their biology forces them to invest more in their offspring than the male does. While his partner is pregnant, a man can easily produce enough sperm to fertilise every one of the world's two billion reproductively mature women. "That's the evolutionary logic that indices so many men to desert a woman immediately after impregnating her and to move on to the next woman," concludes

One-night stands would be the norm, Diamond opines, were human babies not such a handful. Women need help rearing children, as Diamond, father of twins, knows only too well. So women have evolved sexual strategies to keep the men interested. They give no overt sign of fertile periods – the phenomenon of "concealed ovulation".

But if men are evolutionarily primed to stick around, albeit reluctantly, why don't they do something useful, like helping with the breast-feeding? The recent discovery, in Malaysia, of male fruit bats nursing their offspring, shows that lactation is not a physiological impossibility for male mammals. Diamond raises the question, but doesn't really have an answer, other than to conclude limply that it must not be in a man's genetie interests to do so, given that the woman will do the job, and that the babies might not be his anyway. Bizarrely, he suggests that expectant fathers might contemplate having "some combination of manual nipple stimulation and hormone injections" to activate their latent ability to lactate, once they have had their "confidence in paternity buttressed by DNA testing".

At times, Diamond's arguments have more than a passing

resemblance to just-so stories; it is possible to dream up an evolutionary explanation for just about anything. OK, so the human penis is several inches bigger than a gorilla's or an orang-utan's. But is the human appendage really so big as to constitute a handicap to its owner, comparable to a peacock's tail? Diamond argues that the penis is a costly and exaggerated signal of virility" because it consumes valuable tissue that could otherwise form extra brain cells. "In effect, a man is boasting, 'I'm already so smart and superior that I don't need to devote more ounces of protoplasm to my brain, but I can instead afford the hand-icap of packing the ounces uselessly into my penis."

The only thing stopping its continued expansion is the unfortunate need to fit into a woman's vagina, says Diamond, You wonder why he doesn't propose a comparable drive towards ever higger vaginas. After all, he tells us, "every woman knows" that she must "compete intensely" with other women to get "one

of the few high-quality men", who will presumably be well-hung.
Why Is Sex Fun? is an excellent introduction to the conceptual world of contemporary sociobiology. With his usual verve and style, Diamond ransacks anthropology and field biology alike to find examples that suit his purposes.

He recounts the self-seeking exploits of hig-game hunters among the Ache people of Paraguay, and delights in the massive penis sheaths of New Guinea tribesmen. He tells us about the philandering of the male pied flycatcher, and the sexual tyranny of female phalaropes - shore hirds in which the larger female pursues the male, who ends up tending the eggs while she pisses off to look for another sucker.

After reading Diamond's book, I'm still not sure why sex is fun, though I can certainly see why sociobiology is. But whether this approach provides profound or even useful insights into the human condition is quite another matter...

Why can't a woman astronaut be more like a man? Because **NASA/TREK** won't let her, laments Marina Benjamin, and that's the trouble with ...



Hanging about on the 'Star Trek' set: Captain Kirk and Lt Uhara (top) are up left and right) members of the Enterprise crew act according to their sex gainst an alien concept, while (below,

NASA/TREK: popular science and sex in America by Constance Penley, Verso, £11

suspect that the Pathfinder mission to Mars has sent X philes everywhere into a tail-spin. The problem is this: how do you sustain belief in a conspiracy theory which casts Nasa chiefs as sinister machinators bent on covering up their knowledge of the truth out there, when they have been exposed for all the world to see as gecks who delight in nothing more than an ability to drive robo-toys by remote control? Granted, the scientific imagination needs only the barest of factual foundations on which to build its fantasies; the sciencefiction imagination even less. But the most determined X phile will have trouble imputing

dark purposes to a buggy that spends hours exam-ining a rock and would lose a race with a snail. That Nasa has scored a point against The X Files in the space fantasy

with which that potential may be manipulated, it has for years sought to align itself with the Utopian quests and avowed internationalism of Star Trek. From dubbing its Mission control computers Scotty and Uhura and naming the first shuttle Enterprise to scattering Star Trek creator Gene Rodenberry's ashes in space, Nasa has consistently modelled itself Space Federation.

In the late Seventies, it even recruited actress Nichel Nichols (Lieutenant Uhura) to help encourage women and ethnic minorities into its astronaut corps. The ploy worked: Mae Jamison, who in 1992 became the first African-American woman in space, cited Uhura as her inspiration. From such evidence, Constance Penley convincingly argues for the existence of a single symbolic ennty: "Nasa/Trek". She contends that "Star Trek is the theory, Nasa the practice". It's

league will not be lost on the agency. Aware a bold thesis. Alas, Penley takes it in only one of its own metaphoric potential, and of the ease direction: Nasa/Trek's ambivalence towards the role of women in space.

Never mind the degrees in physics and medicine, the flying hours notched up piloting jet aircraft or the years of intensive training: above all else, Nasa needs women in space to be good mothers, competent teachers and nurturers of men. On the ground, they must play down their extraordin children, and talking to journalists about their emotional investments in inner space rather than their scientific experiments in outer space.

Crucially, had Nasa not been so insistent on the absolute ordinariness of Christa McAuliffe the teacher in space blown to smithereens in the Challenger disaster in 1986 - it might have salvaged its public reputation. As it was, McAuliffe's apple-pie make-over left the entire American nation thinking, "it could have been

In the midst of exploring various fictional subversions of the standard narrative of women in space. Penley stumbles into a space as strange in its own way as the interstellar void: the underground world of "slash" fiction. This pornographic literature, written on home computers and distributed by mail order, makes explicit the homoerotic relationship between Kirk and Spock that many believe was the hidubtext of the original Star Trek series. Its aims are Utopian. In between bouts of sex, the plots involve the space crusaders on a mission to save the world.

But they are Utopian in their sexual dimension as well, expressing equality through homo-sexuality and interracial harmony in the love between man and Vulcan. The real warp-factor, however, is that slash fiction is produced not by gay men but by straight women Trekkies who would like to have seen Lt Uhura give Captain Kirk a run for his money.



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erfectly timed The Science of Jurassic Park and the both for the Lost World Or, How to Build a Dinosaur by Rob DeSalle and David Lindley, HarperCollins, £12.99

amber for tens of millions of years. This unauthorised look at the science that would be involved belies its subtitle by showing that it would not be possible to build a dinosaur of the cloning of Dolly the in this way.

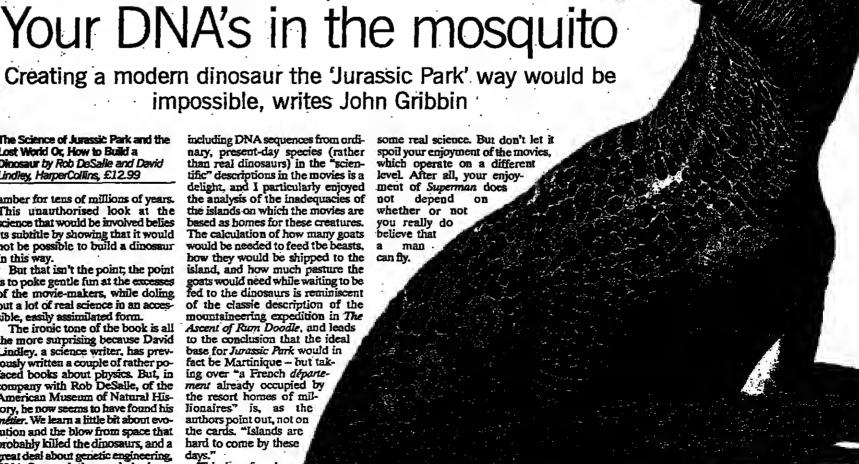
But that isn't the point, the point is to poke gentle fun at the excer of the movie-makers, while doling out a lot of real science in an accessible, easily assimilated form.

The ironic tone of the book is all the more surprising because David Lindley, a science writer, has prevhave been in a coma during iously written a couple of rather pobased on the premise that it faced books about physics. But, in company with Rob DeSalle, of the American Museum of Natural History, he now seems to have found his métier. We learn a little bit about evolution and the blow from space that probably killed the dinosaurs, and a great deal about genetic engineering. DNA fingerprinting, and cloning – all more or less painlessly.

The deadpan way in which the thors chide the movie-makers for

tific" descriptions in the movies is a delight, and I particularly enjoyed the analysis of the inadequacies of the islands on which the movies are based as homes for these creatures. The calculation of how many goats would be needed to feed the beasts. how they would be shipped to the island, and how much pasture the goats would need while waiting to be fed to the dinosaurs is reminiscent of the classic description of the mountaineering expedition in The Ascent of Rum Doodle, and leads to the conclusion that the ideal base for Jurassic Park would in fact be Martinique - but taking over "a French département already occupied by the resort homes of millionaires" is, as the authors point out, not on the cards. "Islands are hard to come by these

days."
This is a fun, but informative, book, that will introduce a lot of people to



Tyrannosaurus rex and the a starring, If in Hollywood movies

Back to bronze age for Swampy's friends

Clare Gamer

A sense of foreboding looms over Lyminge Forest. The bailiffs could be in on Monday and the unspoiled Kent haven of natural beauty and site of ancient settlements may be buried for ever.

their ancestors did four thouthey must secure what they have and hold their nerve.

Janine Roberts, who cycled in The "tree people", living the forest as a child, quoted Brimuch as one would imagine an Philp, a member of the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, sand years earlier, are putting the finishing touches to their who wrote to complain that the archaeological assessment carwho wrote to complain that the fortresses. Naturally, there is al-ried out in 1994 was "ill-conways more they could do - ceived" and yielded results more tunnels, more tree-houses, more fences - but for now which were "not valid". He concluded: "Your claim that none of the new sites is of particular significance is quite A clutch of agitated archae- frankly misleading. All are im-

to evidence marshalled over the past few years which to their minds spells out why Rank Organisation's proposals for an Oasis holiday village in West Wood should have been stubbed out at the stan.

> Earthworks: The protester Andy digging under West Wood in Lyminge Forest, where tunnellers have found what they believe are Neolithic flint tools rare in Keot and will, of course, be destroyed by your scheme." Meanwhile, as the protesters tunnel, they discover what they believe to be Neolithic flint tools. Such finds spark hope - as does the news that Rank's share price

an outing into Canterbury to stock up on food supplies and discussing ways of attaching themselves to "lock-ons" with minimum risk of injury, Aloft the Kookahurra Tree, sisters Scaz and Munch say: "Most of the work is done. We're ready." Their friend, called Granny on

ing knots, is bracing herself for the battle. "My higgest fear is claustrophobia and I'm locking myself in a tunnel she said. At the end of the evictions the

protesters intend, as Crystal

account of her expertise in ty- memories". Sadly, Rank's plans are rather different. West Wood, which is carpet-

ed with bluebells in spring and is host to a number of indicator species, belongs to the Forestry Commission and any Chandelier put it, "to leave only footprints and take away freely in the designated Area of

Rank has its way, the natural habitat will soon be supplanted by a 3,400 capacity car-park, 750 holiday homes, a nine-hole golf course, an artificial lake and other "attractions".

One of the protesters' camps is actually huilt in an area car-

Outstanding Natural Beauty. If marked by Rank as a "wooded area". A strange place for the protesters to wage their cam-paign? No. It is very shrewd. For Rank cannot afford to ravage that particular section of the forest, which means that the job of evicting the protesters will be al



Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The Government is to shelve plans for tough new sentences

for repeat burglars as part of a package of measures aimed at stemming the escalating prison population. The need for action was underlined yesterday with the pub-

that warned that the jail system was at risk of running out of control because of overcrowding.

lication of a Prison Service audit

1999, has become Jack Straw, the Home Secretary's first crisis. On Thursday, he announced a £43m emergency cash injection to help ease the overcrowding.

Next week, he will announce that he will delay the implementation of new powers for automatic three-year minimum sentences on third-time burglars, This measure, which was expected to be introduced in 1999, would have resulted in the jailing of an extra 8,000 pris-The rising jail population in England and Wales, which is expected to produce a shortfall of provisions of the Crime (Sen-

available.

He will give the go-ahead for the introduction of automatic life sentences for second-time rapists and serious sexual and violent offenders, along with automatic seven-year sentences for third-time dealers in hard drugs. These measures will become law in the autumn.

The Prison Service audit, ordered by Mr Straw following Labour's election victory, says these new sentences for the more serious offences would only add about 170 to the prison population by the end of the about 3,000 places by spring tences) Act, will now have to century. But warned that the

wait until extra finances are hurgiary provisions "would add

very large numbers". The Home Secretary will also unveil plans for the extension of electronic tagging in communi-ty sentences and methods of speeding up the criminal justice system, particularly the reduc-tion in time that people spend on remand awaiting trial.

Mr Straw hopes these initia-tives will help lower the prison

total, which is about 62,200 and rising by about 250 a week. He said yesterday that the prison population had risen by 2,500 since the general election - "the equivalent of five prisons over the last three months".

denies deal on fish quotas

Katherine Butler Brussels

A European Union "deal" over Britain's complaints on fish quota-hopping, lauded by Downing Street as a victory for the Prime Minister after last month's Amsterdam summit, was little more than a public relations sham, according to senior Brussels officials.

They confirmed that Spain's foreign minister, Abel Matutes, has been told in a letter from the European Commission President, Jacques Santer, that no "deal" was done with Tony Blair at Amsterdam. The letter

to Madrid explains that Mr Santer advised Mr Blair of the longstanding legal remedies open to all EU governments for

dealing with quota-hopping.

Last night, EU officials said that these remedies, which could involve putting the onus on Spanish boats registered in Britain to prove the existence of an economic link with the country for example by landing a percentage of their catch in United Kingdom ports, were well known to the previous British government. There was never at any

stage an offer of additional concessions made to Mr Blair. They also revealed that deta-hopping at Amsterdam, the Government has remained silent on the issue ever since.

The hall is in London's court. We have outlined the possibilities, but we have heard absolutely nothing from them since then. They should in theory have launched consultations with the UK fishing industry but we have heard nothing," said a senior official.

Another source dismissed

British efforts to present last month's discussions between Tony Blair and Mr Santer as blatant media manipulation". Mr Blair's press officer Alastair

spite the fuss made about quo- Campbell is said to have telephoned a number of journalists covering the Amsterdam summit to "leak" details of the so-called deal.

The official said the British government could introduce rules to force Spanish boats to establish an economic link with Britain.

But they could not be discriminatory and Scottish fish-ermen could be expected to resist any change in the law which although designed to stamp out quota-hopping would have the effect of banning them from landing their catches in

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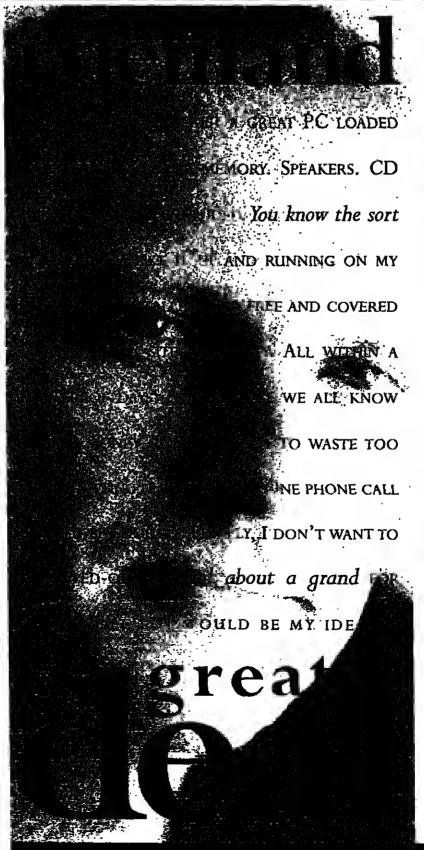
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